PLANT FACT SHEET

Allium angulosum L.

GENUS *Allium* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Mouse garlic

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Root, Bulb

The bulbs are eaten raw or cooked. They are also salted for later use.
The leaves are eaten raw or cooked.
The flowers are used raw or to flavour salads.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family plant. It is a bulb. The plants grow to 45 cm high. The bulbs are slender and long. They are clustered on an underground stem or rhizome. The leaves are up to 5 mm wide. They have a blunt tip and a sharp keel underneath. The flowers are cup-shaped and white or red in half round heads.

HABITAT

It is a cool temperate plant. It can tolerate frost. It can grow on a range of well-drained soils. It needs to be in a sunny position. It is best in moist soil. It grows naturally from Central Europe to Eastern Asia and Siberia in damp meadows near rivers.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by division of clumps. Bulbs should be planted fairly deeply.

NOTES

There are about 300-700 Allium species. Most species of Allium are edible (Flora of China). All alliums are edible but they may not all be worth eating!
They have also been put in the family Alliaceae.

PICTURES



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