PLANT FACT SHEET

Satyrium nepalense D. Don

GENUS *Satyrium* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Gamdol, Thamni

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Pseudobulb, Leaves

The false bulbs are cooked and eaten.
The tender leaves are cooked as a vegetable. They are also used in soup.

DESCRIPTION

An orchid. It grows in the ground. It grows 20-70 cm tall. The tubers are oblong and 2-5 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The stem has 1-3 thin sheaths at the base. The leaves are oblong and end abruptly. They are 4-19 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The leaves sheath the base. The flowers are pink. They have a scent.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 600-4600 m altitude. It grows in moist places. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or pseudobulbs.

NOTES

There are about 100 Satyrium species. Most are in Africa and 2 in Asia.

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