PLANT FACT SHEET

Oxalis tetraphylla Cav.

GENUS *Oxalis* **FAMILY** Oxalidaceae

COMMON NAMES Good luck plant, Deppe's wood-sorrel, Iron cross plant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Roots, Flowers, Tubers

The roots are boiled and eaten.
The young leaves are used in soups and salads.
The flowers are used in salads.

DESCRIPTION

It is a bulb plant. It grows 15-20 cm high and 15-25 cm wide. The leaves have 4 triangular leaflets which meet at the top and fold in as darkness approaches. The flowers are funnel-shaped and pink. There are 4-12 per stem.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It can tolerate light frosts. It needs moderate but regular moisture. It needs a fertile, humus-rich, well-drained soil. It suits hardiness zones 8-10.

NOTES

There are about 500-800 Oxalis species.

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