PLANT FACT SHEET

Allium cepa var. proliferum (Moench) Regel.

GENUS *Allium* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Tree onion, Egyptian tree onion, Top onion

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Root, Bulb, Vegetable

The bulbs at the top of the stem can be eaten
The bulbs can be eaten raw or cooked.
The leaves can be eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family plant. A bulb plant. It grows to 1.2 m high. The bulb can be up to 4 cm in diameter. The plant forms small bulbs at the top of the flowering stem. Plants rarely if ever produce seed, instead the flowering head is comprised of a number of small onions or bulbils.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 5-10. Hobart Botanical Gardens. In Sichuan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are propagated by means of these bulbils or by dividing the main bulb that grows underground.

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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