PLANT FACT SHEET

Gentiana acaulis L.

GENUS *Gentiana* **FAMILY** Gentianaceae

COMMON NAMES Trumpet gentian, Swiss gentian

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Flowers

The roots are used as a snack food.
The flowers can be used to flavour drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A small herb. It grows 10 cm high and spreads 30 cm wide. The leaves are in a ring at the base. They are 25 mm long and have short stems. The flowers are deep blue and bell shaped. They have green spots and occur singly. The flowers are 5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits cool climates. It is an alpine plant. It suits hardiness zones 3-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 360 Gentiana species.

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