PLANT FACT SHEET

Allium przewalskianum Regel

GENUS *Allium* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Przewalski's onion, Ladakh onion

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Root, Bulb

The leaves are used instead of onion. They are eaten in vegetable curry.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family plant. It is a bulb plant. The bulbs are clustered. They are narrowly oval. They are 0.5-1 cm across. The covering is red. It has a netlike appearance. The leaves are shorter than the scape. They are 0.5-1.5 mm wide. They are almost square and 4-5 angled. The scape is 10-40 cm long. It is covered with leaf sheaths only at the base. The flower head is half round and with many flowers.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in scrub and on dry slopes and rock crevices between 2000-4800 m altitude in N China. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

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.

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