PLANT FACT SHEET

Calochortus macrocarpus Douglas

GENUS *Calochortus* **FAMILY** Liliaceae

COMMON NAMES Sagebrush mariposa lily, Green-banded maroposa lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Root, Bulb

The bulbs are eaten. They can be eaten raw or cooked. They are also canned.
The flowers are added to salads.

DESCRIPTION

A bulb plant. It is a herb that keeps growing from year to year. It has a bulb that tapers and is deep in the ground. The leaves are grass-like and blue-green. The leaves wither before the plant flowers. The stem is erect and usually unbranched. The flowers are pink and have 3 petals. The flowers can be 5 cm across. They can occur singly or as 2 or 3 at the top of the stem. The petals have a green stripe along them. There is also usually a dark purple band across them. The seed capsules are erect, narrow and taper.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is best in light to medium well-drained soil. It needs an open sunny position. It is resistant to drought and frost. It grows on dry hillsides.

NOTES

There are about 60-100 Calochortus species. There are 7-9 species in tropical America. They have also been put in the family Calochortaceae.

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