PLANT FACT SHEET

Chlorophytum nepalense (Lindley) Baker

GENUS *Chlorophytum* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, shoots, Tuber, Root

The tender leaves are cooked as a vegetable. They are boiled.
The flowering shoots are eaten fried.
The fresh tubers are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows to about 60 cm high. It has rhizomes or underground stems which are short. The leaves are near the base. They are narrow. They are 8-60 cm long by 0.6-2 cm wide. The flowers are white. They occur in long erect racemes. The fruit is a capsule which is oval. It is 6-9 mm across. There are several seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 1400-2500 m altitude. It grows in moist, shady places. In S China it grows in rocky places along valleys between 1300-2800 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or bulbs.

NOTES

There are between 100-150-215 Chlorophytum species. They are mostly in the tropics.
Also put in the family Anthericaceae and family Liliaceae.

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