PLANT FACT SHEET

Alstroemeria versicolor Ruiz. & Pav.

GENUS *Alstroemeria* **FAMILY** Alstroemeriaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

The root is cooked and eaten. It can be processed into flour.

DESCRIPTION

A perennial plant. It grows 30 cm high which spreads to 1 m across. The leaves are narrow. The flowers are yellow with purple spots.

HABITAT

It grows naturally in stony places and scrub between 250 - 1700 metres from Valparaiso to Conception and in the Valle de los Cipreses in Chile. It requires a fertile well drained soil in a warm situation with a dry season.

NOTES

There are about 50-80 Alstroemeria species. They occur in South America especially in cool mountain regions.

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