PLANT FACT SHEET

Allium textile A. Nelson & J. F. Macbr.

GENUS *Allium* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Textile onion, Prairie onion

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Root, Bulb

The flowers can be eaten raw or used as a garnish in salads.
The bulbs are used in soups.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family plant. It is a herb. It grows 8-25 cm tall. It has a bulb. There are 2 leaves and they are very narrow and grooved. The flowers are white or pale pink and small and lily shaped. There are several flowers in small clusters at the end of the slender stem. The fruit is a small, dry capsule with a few seeds. The leaves have a strong odour.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on dry prairie hillsides.

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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