PLANT FACT SHEET

Allium orientale Boiss.

GENUS *Allium* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Oriental onion

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Root, Bulb

The bulbs are eaten raw or cooked.
The leaves are eaten raw or cooked.
The flowers are used raw.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family plant. A bulb plant. It grows to 30 cm high. The bulbs are 15 mm across. The leaves are not more than 2.5 cm wide. The flowers are white or pale lilac with a green mid vein in the tepals. The ovary is dark blackish-green. It opens in a star shape. It occurs in half round heads.

HABITAT

It grows in warm temperate places. It grows naturally on limestone hills and slopes and rocky places between 600 - 1870 metres in Turkey.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by dividing the clumps.

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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