PLANT FACT SHEET

Lilium formosanum A. Wallace

GENUS *Lilium* **FAMILY** Liliaceae

COMMON NAMES Formosa Lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulb, Flowers

The flowers, bulbs, leaves and stems are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A bulb plant. The bulb is almost round and 2-4 cm across. The scales are white or tinged yellow. The stem is 20-55 cm tall. It is sometimes tinged purple-red. The leaves are scattered. They are narrow and sword shaped. The leaf blade is 2.5-15 cm long by 4-13 mm wide. The flowers can occur singly or as several in a group. They have a scent. They are white tinged with purple-red. Each flower can produce hundreds are small seeds.

HABITAT

A temperate and subtropical plant. It grows on grassy slopes near sea shores and occurs between sea level and 3500 m in Taiwan. It suits hardiness zones 5-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. It can also be grown from small bulbs.

NOTES

There are about 100 Lilium species. It can be invasive.

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