PLANT FACT SHEET

Ranunculus verna Huds.

GENUS *Ranunculus* **FAMILY** Ranunculaceae

COMMON NAMES Lesser Celadine, Common buttercup, Pilewort

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Roots, bud

The young leaves are boiled then eaten in salads and sandwiches or used in soups.
The bleached stems are cooked and eaten.
The bulbils and the roots can be cooked and served with meat. They are first soaked in salt water.
The flower buds are a substitute for capers.

DESCRIPTION

A small herb. It grows 5-20 cm high and spreads 20-60 cm wide. It keeps growing from year to year. The leaves are heart shaped and dark green. They are 35 mm long. The flowers usually occur singly and are 25 mm across. They are golden yellow.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

NOTES

There are about 400 Ranunculus species.

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