PLANT FACT SHEET

Allium rubellum M. Bieb

GENUS *Allium* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Himalayan onion

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Root, Bulb

The bulbs are eaten raw or cooked.
The leaves are dried and preserved as a condiment.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family herb. It grows 60 cm tall. The bulb is egg shaped and 1-2 cm across. The leaves are narrow and flat. The flowers are reddish pink.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in semi-arid deserts. It is best in well-drained soils. It must grow in the sun.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

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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