PLANT FACT SHEET

Calochortus luteus Douglas

GENUS *Calochortus* **FAMILY** Liliaceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow mariposa, Butterfly tulip

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulb

The bulbs are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A bulb plant. It grows 20-50 cm high and spreads 15 cm wide. The leaves are sword shaped at the base. The flowers are open and bell shaped. They are on slender stems. The flowers are yellow and 8 cm wide. There is usually a brown spot at the base of each petal. The nectar gland is crescent shaped.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows best in light to medium well-drained soils. It suits an open sunny position. It is resistant to drought and frost. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown by division of the plant in winter.

NOTES

There are about 60-100 Calochortus species. There are 7-9 species in tropical America. They have also been put in the family Calochortaceae.

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