PLANT FACT SHEET

Allium synnotii Kunth

GENUS *Allium* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild leek

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 to flavour salads.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family bulb plant. It grows up to 60 cm high. It has a dense cluster of purple flowers.

HABITAT

It grows naturally in dry areas in South Africa from Clanwilliam to Riversdale and Long Kloof.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or division of the bulbs. Bulbs should be planted fairly deeply.

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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