PLANT FACT SHEET

Campanula versicolor Andrews

GENUS *Campanula* **FAMILY** Campanulaceae

COMMON NAMES Harebell, Bluebell, Variously coloured bellflower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Stems

The young leaves are used in salads.
They are also eaten cooked.
The flowers are also eaten.

DESCRIPTION

It is an evergreen perennial herb. It does not have hairs. The stems are stout and erect or curving upwards. They branch at the top. The leaves are leathery. The leaves at the base are oval and often with a heart-shaped base. They have stalks. The upper leaves do not have stalks and are narrow at the base. It has blue harebell flowers. They have a deeper violet centre. The flowers are 15-25 mm long and 25-30 mm wide. They are borne in clusters along the spike like branches.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in rocky places and often near cliffs.

NOTES

There are about 300 Campanula species.

REFERENCES

Bircher, A. G. & Bircher, W. H., 2000, Encyclopedia of Fruit Trees and Edible Flowering Plants in Egypt and the Subtropics. AUC Press. p 76

Biscotti, N. et al, 2018, The traditional food use of wild vegetables in Apulia (Italy) in the light of Italian ethnobotanical literature. Italian Botanist 5:1-24

Blamey, M and Grey-Wilson, C., 2005, Wild flowers of the Mediterranean. A & C Black London. p 429

Bot. Repos. 6: t. 396. 1804

Kiple, K.F. & Ornelas, K.C., (eds), 2000, The Cambridge World History of Food. CUP p 1743

Plants for a Future database, The Field, Penpol, Lostwithiel, Cornwall, PL22 0NG, UK. http://www.scs.leeds.ac.uk/pfaf/

Uphof,

PROVIDED BY **Food Plants International**

French, B.R. & Maynard, A.R. Food Plants International Database. Food Plants International

LICENCE CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

ONLINE FACT SHEET https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/c55e2cf9-e3d3-441a-83e8-c113988c4b66