PLANT FACT SHEET

Lilium davidii Duch. ex Elwes

GENUS *Lilium* **FAMILY** Liliaceae

COMMON NAMES David's lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulb

The bulbs are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A bulb plant. It grows 0.9-1.5 m high and spreads 30-45 cm wide. The bulb is flattened and round. It is 2-4.5 cm across. The scales are white. The stem is sometimes tinged with purple and is 50-100 cm high. It is densely hairy. The leaves are scattered but crowded at the middle of the stem. They are narrow and 7-12 cm long by 2-3 mm wide. The flowers can be single or 2-8 together. They are nodding. They are orange with dark purple spots. The fruit is a capsule about 3.5 cm long by 1.6-2 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in moist open forest margins and grassy slopes between 800-3200 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 5-9. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 100 Lilium species.

PICTURES



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