PLANT FACT SHEET

Erythronium dens-canis L.

GENUS *Erythronium* **FAMILY** Liliaceae

COMMON NAMES Dog's-tooth violet

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Root

The bulbs are dried and then boiled with milk or broth.
They are also used for starch used in vermicelli and cakes.
The leaves are eaten boiled.

DESCRIPTION

A bulb plant. It grows 10-15 cm high and spreads 8-10 cm wide. The corm is similar in shape to a dog's tooth. The leaves are blue-green and strongly mottled with brown. The flowers are nodding. They vary in colour from purplish pink to white. The centre is usually yellow with a ring of orange-brown marks. The flowers are 5 cm across.

HABITAT

It can tolerate dryness in the summer. It can grow in bright sun or light shade. It needs well drained soil. It suits hardiness zones 3-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The corms are planted 8-10 cm deep and 15-20 cm apart. Plants can be propagated by division.

NOTES

There are about 22 Erythronium species.

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