PLANT FACT SHEET

Campanula persicifolia L.

GENUS *Campanula* **FAMILY** Campanulaceae

COMMON NAMES Harebell, Peach-leaf Bellflower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Root

The flowers are eaten raw.
The leaves are also eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A perennial herb. It grows 30-90 cm high and 30-38 cm wide. The stems are wiry. They arise from a rosette of narrow leaves. They are erect and do not branch. The leaves near the base are narrowly oval with blunt teeth and stalks. The upper leaves are narrow and have teeth. The flowers are open bells. They face outward and are nodding. They are blue or white and 30-40 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It does best in light to medium humus-rich soil. It needs to be well drained and in a sunny position. It is frost hardy. It grows in open woodland. It is sensitive to drought. It suits hardiness zones 4-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown using seed or by division or from cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 300 Campanula species.

PICTURES



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