PLANT FACT SHEET

Lycoris aurea (L'Her.) Herb.

GENUS *Lycoris* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Golden Spider Lily, Yellow spider lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Bulb

CAUTION: The bulbs are poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A bulb plant. It grows 45-60 cm high and spreads 45 cm wide. The leaves are fleshy and grey-green. The flowers grow on naked stalks before the leaves appear. These can be 60 cm tall. The flowers are large and yellow. The stamens are long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in shady and moist places on slopes, rock crevices between (100–) 500–2300 m in China. It grows in limestone areas. It suits hardiness zones 7-10. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 18 Lycoris species. It is reported to contain two active alkaloids.

PICTURES



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