PLANT FACT SHEET

Calochortus venustus Benth.

GENUS *Calochortus* **FAMILY** Liliaceae

COMMON NAMES Butterfly mariposa lily, Star tulip

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulb

The bulbs are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A bulb plant. It grows 20-60 cm high and 8-10 cm wide. The leaves are oval to sword shaped. The flowers are cup-shaped. There can be 3 per stem. The flowers are erect on stems 60 cm long. They vary from white to yellow to red. There is a dark red blotch at the centre of the inner petals ringed with yellow. The flowers are 2.5-5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate of Mediterranean climate plant. It can stand light frosts. Plants can grow in full sun or light shade. The soils should be well drained.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by division of the bulbs. Bulbs are planted 8-12 cm deep and are spaced 30-45 cm apart.

NOTES

There are about 60-100 Calochortus species. There are 7-9 species in tropical America. They have also been put in the family Calochortaceae.

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