PLANT FACT SHEET

Scorzonera glabra Ruprecht

GENUS *Scorzonera* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Serpent root, Crow onion

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Leaves

The roots and young plants are eaten in northern China.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It has milky sap. It grows 15-30 cm high. It has stout upright rootstocks. These are covered with the remains of old leaves. Usually one stem emerges from the rootstock. The leaves are at the base and are narrowly sword shaped. They are 12-30 cm long by 6-20 mm wide. They form a sheath at the base and taper to the tip. The flowers are pale yellow.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in northern China.

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