PLANT FACT SHEET

Hemerocallis plicata Stapf

GENUS *Hemerocallis* **FAMILY** Asphodelaceae

COMMON NAMES Zhe ye xuan cao

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Root

The young leaves are cooked in soup.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 40-80 cm high. The roots are slightly fleshy with large swollen tubers near the tip. These are 0.8-1.5 cm long and 2.5-5 cm wide. The leaves are narrow and 45-50 cm long by 6-8 mm wide. They are usually folded and the base is surrounded by the fibrous remains of older leaves. The flowering stalk has 3-7 branches with groups of 2-3 flowers and one with 2-20 flowers. The flowers are small and open during the day. They are orange.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in pine forest and on thinly forested hilltops between 1500-3200 m altitude in S China. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 15 Hemerocallis species.
Also put in the family Hemerocallidaceae.

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