PLANT FACT SHEET

Ornithogalum pyrenaicum L.

GENUS *Ornithogalum* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Bath Asparagus, French Asparagus, Prussian asparagus, Spiked Star of Bethlehem

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Leaves, Blossoms, Flowers

The young flowering shoots can be eaten like asparagus.

DESCRIPTION

A medium to tall bulb plant. It keeps growing from year to year. The stems are slender and green and like asparagus in young bud. There are 5-8 narrow leaves. They have slight channels along them. They have a pale stripe down the middle. The flowers are pale yellowish-green. They are 13-17 mm long and star shaped. They are in long slender spike like clusters.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in open woodland and rocky places.

NOTES

There are about 80 Ornithogalum species. Also put in the family Liliaceae and Hyacinthaceae.

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