PLANT FACT SHEET

Allium vineale L.

GENUS *Allium* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Crow garlic, Field Garlic, Onion grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Root, Bulb

The bulb is used to flavour salads and meat.
The tender young tips are finely chopped and used in salads and soups.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family plant. It is a bulb plant. The plant has round stems which are almost filled with pith. It can grow 1 m high. The leaves are like cylinders and are hollow. There are 2-4 leaves and they are cylinder shaped. They sheath the lower half of the flowering stalk. The flowers are pink, white or greenish. The young flower heads usually have a bract and a sharp green spike at the top. Some bulbils occur in the head.

HABITAT

It is a temperate and Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in dry pasture and cultivated and fallow land. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from the bulbs and the bulbils.

NOTES

There are about 300-700 Allium species. Most species of Allium are edible (Flora of China). All alliums are edible but they may not all be worth eating! They have also been put in the family Alliaceae.

PICTURES

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