

Giant bellflower

Campanula latifolia

Description

This plant has the ability to spread aggressively. The flowers, leaves and roots are edible and contains 400 mg of vitamin C. It also has a history as a medicinal plant.

Habit

Tall, coarse, upright, herbaceous, clump-forming perennial; grows 3-4 ft (less frequently to 5 ft).

Leaves

Medium green leaves along the stalk, 6 in long, smaller, narrower, pointed and eventually sessile as they go up the stems.

Stems

Rise up from basal rosettes of ovate-oblong, toothed, stalked, hairy.

Flowers

Large, tubular, bell-like, purplish-blue flowers (to 2.5 in long) appear in the upper leaf axils and in short terminal clusters (racemes).





Fruits and Seeds

Self - fertile.

Habitat

Native from Europe to Kashmir; grows in full sun in cool northern climates and part shade in hot summer climates.

Reproduction

By seed or dividing the rootball.

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