PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Crinum viviparum (Lam.) R. Ansari & V. J. Nair

GENUS *Crinum* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES River crinum lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

Caution

DESCRIPTION

A water plant. It is a herb. It can be 1 m tall. It can flower under water. The bulb is 5-8 cm across. It has a neck 5-15 cm long. There are 6-8 leaves. These can be 1 m long and 3 cm wide. They are dark green. The flowers are in a group at the top of a leafless stalk. This can be 40-75 cm long. There are 2 sword shaped bracts. The flowers open at night. They have a scent. There are 6 narrow spreading petals. They are 6-8 cm long. The stamen have red filaments.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rocky shallow river beds.

NOTES

There are over 100 Crinum species.

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