PLANT FACT SHEET

Curculigo pilosa (Schum. et Thonn.) Engl.

GENUS *Curculigo* **FAMILY** Hypoxidaceae

COMMON NAMES African crocus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bulb, Seeds capsule

The seed capsule is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It has tuber like rhizomes. It has a cluster of grass like leaves. These are 60 cm long. The flower shoots are 20 cm long. The capsule retracts down to the base of the plant.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in seasonally marshy savannah in West Africa.

NOTES

There are 10 Curculigo species.

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