PLANT FACT SHEET

Dipcadi longifolium (Lindl.) Baker

GENUS *Dipcadi* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Bulb

The bulbs and leaves are eaten raw after pounding.

DESCRIPTION

A bulb herb. The leaves are twisted. It grows 20-90 cm high. The bulb is 1-4 cm across. There are 2-7 leaves. They are narrow and 75 cm long by 3-9 mm wide. The flowering stalks are 60 cm high. There are 4-15 flowers They are yellowish green. The fruit is a capsule 8-15 mm long by 13018 mm wide. The seeds are 5-7 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in the savannah. In East Africa it grows between 1,000-1,350 m above sea level.

NOTES

They have also been put in the families Hyacinthaceae and Liliaceae.

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