PLANT FACT SHEET

Crinum angustifolium Bailey

GENUS *Crinum* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Onion lily, Bush lily, Field Lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bulb, Roots

The bulb can be eaten but requires extensive squashing then washing to remove possibly poisonous materials.

DESCRIPTION

A lily which keeps growing from year to year. It is 0.3-1 m high. It grows from a bulb. The leaves are narrow and taper to a pointed tip. The leaves are 30-100 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. They arise from the bulb at ground level. The flowers are white. There are 6 petals. The flowers are 12-14 cm across. They occur in umbrella like clusters of 6-12 on a stalk 30-50 cm long. The fruit is a capsule which is round and pale green. The seeds usually germinate before they fall.

HABITAT

It needs warm climates. It grows in tropical places. It grows along creeks in regions that are often flooded. It is very frost sensitive.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seed can be collected while still in the capsule.

NOTES

There are about 130 Crinum species.

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