PLANT FACT SHEET

Dipcadi viride (L.) Moench

GENUS *Dipcadi* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Green Dipcadi, Dainty green bells

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bulb, Leaves

CAUTION: Some closely related Dipcadi are used as rat poison.
The bulbs and leaves are used as a vegetable. The bulbs are baked in ashes.

DESCRIPTION

A small hairless plant with a white bulb. It can have runners with small bulbs. The leaves occur as 1-4 per shoot. They vary in size but are long and sword shaped. They clasp the stem at the base. The flowers occur as 10 small flowers in a loose arrangement around the stalk. The stalk can be 20-50 cm long. The individual flowers are small and thread like. The fruit are on long angular capsules. The seeds are flat, round, shiny and black.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in open woodland and wet grass savannah. In Nigeria it has been recorded at 2,300 m above sea level.

NOTES

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

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