PLANT FACT SHEET

Triteleia grandiflora Lindl.

GENUS *Triteleia* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild hyacinth

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulb, Seeds pods, Corms

The corms can be eaten raw but are better cooked. The boiled corms can be dried and stored.
The young seed pods can be eaten raw or cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family plant. It is a clumping herb that keeps growing from year to year. The corms are round and straw coloured. It grows 30-60 cm high and spreads 20-30 cm wide. The leaves are fine, flattened and grass-like. The flower stems are wiry. The flowers are funnel shaped and blue, mauve or white. They are in heads. The flowers have widely flared lobes.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in grasslands and deserts and also in Ponderosa pine woodlands. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

The plants are marked while the leaves are still growing then the corms harvested later.

NOTES

There are 15 Triteleia species.
Also put in the family Alliaceae.

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