PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Walleria nutans* J. Kirk

**GENUS** *Walleria* **FAMILY** Tecophilaeaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Bulbs, Tuber, Root

The tuber is eaten raw. It is also cooked and used in other food preparations. The tubers are also roasted and eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A herb with a corm or bulb. It grows 30 cm high. There are 1-5 tubers and they are 2-3 cm across. They occur up to 20 cm below the ground. The leaves occur along the stem. They become larger and closer together up the stem. They are narrow and 7-17 cm long by 1 cm wide.

## HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid places with a marked dry season. In grows in well drained sandy loams. It grows between 950-1,700 m above sea level. It can re-grow after fire. It can grow in arid places.

## PRODUCTION

### Harvesting and Seed Production

The tubers can be stored for 3 months. In Namibia they are available for 10 months.

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