PLANT FACT SHEET

Lapeirousia odoratissima Baker

GENUS *Lapeirousia* **FAMILY** Iridaceae

COMMON NAMES African spider lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Corm, Tuber, Root

The tuber is eaten raw. It is also roasted and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small herb. It grows 20 cm tall. The corm or tuber is 1.5 cm across. It is round but flattened at the bottom. It is covered with white scales. There are only a few leaves and 30 cm long by 3-5 mm wide. The flowers are like creamy white stars. They have a scent.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in deep sand. It can grow in arid places. In Zimbabwe it grows above 1,200 m above sea level.

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