PLANT FACT SHEET

Arthropodium minus R. Br.

GENUS *Arthropodium* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Small Vanilla-lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

The root/corm is eaten, cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A perennial plant which grows 30 cm high. It can grow as an annual. It spreads 10-20 cm across. It forms tufts. Plants produce 4-5 tubers. These can be 3 cm long. The leaves are small and 5 mm wide. They are usually lax and on the ground. The flowers are 1 cm across. They usually occur singly but can be in groups of 2 or 3. The flowers droop. The flower stem is usually less than 30 cm tall and often 10 cm tall. It is deep purple. The fruit is a black capsule with several seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows from sea level to alpine places. It grows in well-drained sandy soils. It needs a sheltered sunny position. It occurs in grassland and grassy woodlands. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. Seed can be transplanted. Plants can also be grown by division.

NOTES

There are 12 Arthropodium species.
Also put in the family Laxmanniaceae.

PICTURES



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