PLANT FACT SHEET

Polianthes tuberosa L.

GENUS *Polianthes* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Tuberose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers - flavouring, Fruit

It has been used as a flavouring for chocolate.
The flowers are also added to soup.
The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 120 cm high and spreads 50 cm wide. It forms clumps. The leaves are narrow and strap like. They are grey-green. The flowers are funnel shaped. they are waxy and white. They are 5 cm long with 6 widely flared lobes.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It suits hardiness zones 9-10. It needs a fertile, well-drained soil. It needs to be kept moist and needs full sun.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from offsets around the base.

NOTES

There are 13-14 Polianthes species.
Also put in the family Agavaceae.

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