PLANT FACT SHEET

Lapeirousia littoralis Baker

GENUS *Lapeirousia* **FAMILY** Iridaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bulbs, Corms, Root

The corms or bulbs are roasted and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It has a bulb or corm. The corm is bell shaped and 10-14 mm across at the base. The plant is erect and keeps growing from year to year. It grows 35 cm high. There are a few leaves. They are 2-4 mm wide and lightly corrugated. The flowers have a scent. They are yellowish-green. There are some subspecies.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in deep, well-drained soils. It grows between 50-1,100 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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