PLANT FACT SHEET

Melica bulbosa Porter & J. M. Coult.

GENUS *Melica* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Oniongrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Roots

The raw roots are pounded and made into a porridge.

DESCRIPTION

A grass. It has an onion like corm at its base. The stems are 30-80 cm tall. The leaf sheaths are wrapped around the stem. The flowering panicle is 10-30 cm long. There are 1 or 2 flower spikelets.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

NOTES

There are about 60 Melica species.

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