PLANT FACT SHEET

Dipcadi crispum Baker

GENUS *Dipcadi* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bulb, Corm, Leaves

The bulb or corm is eaten raw as a vegetable. They are also roasted.

DESCRIPTION

A herb with a bulb. It grows 30 cm high. It keeps growing from year to year. The bulb is oval and has yellowish scales. There are about 4 leaves in a ring. They are about 60-200 mm long by 4-16 mm wide. The flowers are brown to orange. They are about 2 cm long. They have a sweet smell. The fruits are a large capsule. It is round and brown and 2 cm long. The seeds are 9 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid places with a marked dry season. The dry season can be 6-11 months. It grows in well drained stony and sandy soils. It grows between 70-300 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

They have also been put in the families Hyacinthaceae and Liliaceae.

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