PLANT FACT SHEET

Colchicum gramineum (Cav.) J.C.Manning & Vinn.

GENUS *Colchicum* **FAMILY** Colchicaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bulb, Corm, Root

The plant is used as a spice of flavouring.

DESCRIPTION

A bulb plant. A low plant which forms a corm. It keeps growing from year to year. The leaves are narrow and taper. They are 5 cm long. They are flat and occur in rings. They form a collar around the flower cluster. These are on a short stem. There are 1-6 flowers in a group. They are pink or white and striped with mauve. The fruit is a 3-valved capsule.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in arid areas.

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