PLANT FACT SHEET

Crinum flaccidum Herbert

GENUS *Crinum* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Sandover lily, Darling Lily, Macquarie Crinum, Murray lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulb

It is reportedly eaten in some parts of Australia. It is used as a source of arrowroot.
CAUTION: In some places this bulb is bitter and considered poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A lily. It grows 0.3-1 m high. The onion like bulb can be 0.5 m under the ground. It has limp, leathery leaves. The leaves taper to a point. The edges of the leaves are slightly rough. The flowers are white or pink. The flowers are produced in umbrella like heads. There are 6-14 flowers on a flattened stalk 30-70 cm long. The anthers in the flower are purple and strongly curved. The fruit is a capsule which is green and round. It is 1-3 cm across.

HABITAT

It grows naturally in inland areas of eastern Australia. It will not tolerate bad drainage. It can grow in arid places. Coffs Harbour Botanical gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are over 100 Crinum species.

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