PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Caesia parviflora* R. Br.

**GENUS** *Caesia* **FAMILY** Asphodelaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Pale grass lily, Blue grass-lily

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Tubers, Root

The tubers are roasted and eaten. These may contain oxalates that would need to be washed out.

## DESCRIPTION

A lily which keeps growing from year to year. It is a grass-like herb. It grows 10-25 cm high and spreads 10-25 cm wide. The roots are slightly fleshy. The leaves are grass-like. They are 25 cm long and slender. They occur in tufts. They are less than 5 mm wide. The flower has slender petals 3-10 mm long. They can be white, pink or blue. They are white with bluish-grey veins. The flowers are on leafless stems and are in the axils of bracts. They have white stamens with yellow anthers. After flowering they form a twisted shape.

## HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. They grow in heaths and woodlands. It grows in poor, dry soils in open forests. It is resistant to drought and frost. Tasmanian Herbarium.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. It can also be grown by division.

## NOTES

There are 7 Caesia species.
It has also been put in the family Liliaceae and Anthericaceae.

## PICTURES




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