PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Drimia indica (Roxb.) Jessop

GENUS *Drimia* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Indian squill, Sea-onion, True squill

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Bulb, Root

The leaves are eaten in times of scarcity.
The young leaves and bulb are cooked as a vegetable.
The tuber is eaten raw or used in vegetable preparations.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It has a bulb. It keeps growing from year to year. It has a flowering stalk 30-100 cm high. The flowers are greenish-white. The flowers appear before the leaves. There are 4-15 flowers. The leaves are in a ring at ground level. They are 13-25 cm long by 0.6-2.5 cm wide. The bulb can be 6-8 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on the Deccan in India. In the Himalayas it grow up to 2,000 m above sea level. It grows in savannah woodland and wet grass savannah.

NOTES

Also put in the family Hyacinthaceae.

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