PLANT FACT SHEET

Chamaescilla corymbosa (R. Br.) F. Muell. ex Benth.

GENUS *Chamaescilla* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Blue stars, Blue squill

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

The tubers are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A herb that keeps growing from year to year. It has tuberous roots. These can be 1-7 cm long. The leaves are narrow and in groups of 2-6. They are 5-13 cm long and 1.5-5 mm wide. There can be fine hairs along the edge. The flowering stalk is 25 cm long. There are 1-6 flowers on a stalk. The fruit is a capsule 8 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in damp sandy or peaty soils. It is often in heath or under light forest cover. It is resistant to frost but affected by drought. In Tasmania it grows from sea level to 200 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by division of the tubers or by seed.

NOTES

Also put in the family Liliaceae.

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