PLANT FACT SHEET

Dipcadi erythraeum Webb. & Berth.

GENUS *Dipcadi* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Brown bell, Brown lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Bulb

The bulbs are eaten in Pakistan.

DESCRIPTION

A bulb plant. It grows 4-8 cm high. It can be 15 cm high in sheltered locations. There are 2 or sometimes 3 narrow leaves that grow close to the ground. A drooping flower stalk has up to 14 bell shaped flowers. Each flower has 3 outer and 3 inner petals. The fruit is large and grey. It is divided into 3 parts lengthwise. The fruit is edible.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. In Bahrain it grows in gravelly or sandy soils.

NOTES

They have also been put in the families Hyacinthaceae and Liliaceae.

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