PLANT FACT SHEET

Gladiolus atropurpureus Baker

GENUS *Gladiolus* **FAMILY** Iridaceae

COMMON NAMES Dingy gladiolus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Corm, Root

The corms are eaten in soup. They are cooked as a spice.

DESCRIPTION

A slender herb. It grows 30 cm high. It grows from a corm. The corm has thickened fibres around it. The corms are 2-3 cm across. The leaves develop separately after flowering. There are 3-4 leaves on the flowering stem. They form a sheath around the stem or have blades 5 cm long. There are single leaves on no flowering plants and these are 15-20 cm long. There are 5-10 flowers on a flowering stalk. The flowers are dull purple. The fruit is a capsule 12-18 mm long

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in most places across the savannah in West Africa. It is often in rocky places.

NOTES

There are about 180 Gladiolus species.

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