PLANT FACT SHEET

Calostemma purpureum R. Br.

GENUS *Calostemma* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Purple Garland lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulb

DESCRIPTION

A small plant. It grows 30-60 cm high. It spreads 10-20 cm wide. The leaves are fleshy and strap like. The flowers are like daffodil flowers. They are yellow or pink. The bulbs multiply and build up in number.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate and semiarid places. It needs well drained soil. It can grow in dry soil and full sunlight. It can stand light frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or by division of the bulbs.

NOTES

There are 4 Calostemma species. They grow in Australia.

PICTURES



Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

REFERENCES

Bodkin, F., 1991, Encyclopedia Botanica. Cornstalk publishing, p 201

Cherikoff V. & Isaacs, J., The Bush Food Handbook. How to gather, grow, process and cook Australian Wild Foods. Ti Tree Press, Australia p 189

Cronin, L., 1989, The Concise Australian Flora. Reed. p 22

Dashorst, G.R.M., and Jessop, J.P., 1998, Plants of the Adelaide Plains & Hills. Botanic Gardens of Adelaide and State Herbarium. p 162

Elliot, W.R., & Jones, D.L., 1982, Encyclopedia of Australian Plants suitable for cultivation. Vol 2. Lothian. p 436

Hibbert, M., 2002, The Aussie Plant Finder 2002, Florilegium. p 50

Hunter, J. T. et al, Budjiti traditional use of plants on Naree Station. p 12

Hunter, J.T., 2017, Is there a relationship between contemporary high Aboriginal plant resource locations and mapped vegetation communities? Cunninghamia 17:27-34. The Royal Botanic Garden Sydney. ISSN 2200 - 405X

Lazarides, M. & Hince, B., 1993, Handbook of Economic Plants of Australia, CSIRO. p 44

Leiper, G & Houser, J., Mutooroo. Plant Use by Australian Aboriginal People. Assembly press, Queensland.

Molyneux, B & Forrester, S., 1997, The Austraflora A-Z of Australian Plants. Reed. p 63

Morley, B.D., & Toelken, H.R., (Eds), 1983, Flowering Plants in Australia. Rigby. p 335

PROVIDED BY **Food Plants International**

French, B.R. & Maynard, A.R. Food Plants International Database. Food Plants International

LICENCE CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

ONLINE FACT SHEET https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/c903becd-44ac-47c9-afb8-ad716f2e21b2