PLANT FACT SHEET

Bulbine bulbosa (R. Br.) Haw.

GENUS *Bulbine* **FAMILY** Asphodelaceae

COMMON NAMES Native leek, Golden bulbine-lily, Golden lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Corm, Bulb, Root

The corm or bulb is cooked and eaten. It is roasted.

DESCRIPTION

A lily plant. It is a herb which keeps growing from year to year. It grows 45 cm high and spreads 30 cm across. It has a bulb shaped tuber. The leaves are onion like. There are 3-10 leaves up to 25 cm long. The flowers occur in a yellow spike. The flower spikes can be 60 cm tall and each flower 3 cm across. The fruit is about 5 mm across. It contains many black seeds.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate places but can also grow in warmer places. It grows in rocky places. It needs well drained soil. It can grow in full sunlight or in part shade. It can stand heavy frosts.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed. They can also be grown by division of the clump.

NOTES

There are 30 Bulbine species. Possibly also Bulbine glauca See Gilfedder, L et al, 2003, The Nature of the Midlands. Midlands Bushweb. PO Box 156 Longford, Tasmania. p 89. It had been put in the Liliaceae.
Also put in the family Asphodelaceae.

PICTURES



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