PLANT FACT SHEET

Eremiolirion amboense (Schinz.)J. C. Manning & Mannheimer

GENUS *Eremiolirion* **FAMILY** Tecophilaeaceae

COMMON NAMES Desert snowdrop

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulb, Corm

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year but loses its leaves during the year. It grows 25 cm high. The corms are about 3 cm across. They have a covering of netted fibres. There are 2 leaves at the base. These are narrow and sword shaped and 10 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The flowers are nodding and white with pink. They close at night and open again in the morning. There are about 30 flowers in a group.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid regions with a marked dry season. It grows in well drained soils. It grows between 50-800 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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