PLANT FACT SHEET

Dichopogon strictus (R. Br.) Baker

GENUS *Dichopogon* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Chocolate lily, Grass lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root, Flowers, Stems

The root tubers are cooked and eaten.
The flowers and stems are ground up and cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A small lily which forms tufts. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 0.4-1 m tall and spreads 40-90 cm across. The leaves are soft and narrow. They are 40 cm long by 1.5 cm wide. They are grass-like. The flowering stems are slender. They are 30 cm long. The flowers are purple and star shaped. There are 6 stamens which do not have hairs. The anthers have yellow bases. The flowers have a smell. They are 3 cm across. They occur singly in a bract and droop. The fruit is a capsule which is round and 0.8 cm across. This is erect.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It grows in grassland and woodland. It is a temperate plant but will grow in the subtropics. It can grow in semiarid places. It needs well drained soil. It can grow in full sun or light shade. It can stand light frosts. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed or division. It can self seed once established. They can also be grown by transplanting tubers.

NOTES

There are 12 Arthropodium species.
Also put in the family Laxmanniaceae.

PICTURES



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