

# *Dipcadi bakerianum*

## Namib wild onion

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Family: Hyacinthaceae



### Collection Number:

**Description:** A slender, tall lily with green to red-brown, inconspicuous, tubular flowers, which tend to droop downwards. It produces a copious amount of black seeds which are contained in a three-segmented capsule. Leaves are broad and long.

**Habitat:** *Dipcadi bakerianum* grows on sandy and gravel plains. It is widely distributed throughout southern Africa, in the central and southern Namib it is only seen after very good rains. If there is sufficient rain, it grows in profusion on the Chateau Plain.

Another member of the hyacinth family found growing at Die Duine, is *Ledebouria revoluta*. This is a flat-growing lily with blotched leaves.

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Fruit and flowers



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