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Hymenocallis narcissiflora

[Synonyms : *Hymenocallis calathina*, *Ismene calathina*, *Ismene narcissiflora*, *Pancratium calathiforme*, *Pancratium calathinum*, *Pancratium calthinum*, *Pancratium narcissiflorum*]

BASKET FLOWER is a deciduous, bulbous perennial. Native to Bolivia and Peru (especially the Andes) it has large fragrant, greenish-centred, white flowers with long stamens.

It is also known as Chalice-crowned sea daffodil, Lily basket, Pancratium lily, Peruvian daffodil, Raggedy Ann, Sea daffodil, and Spider lily.

Warning – the bulb is poisonous.

Narcissiflora is made up of the genus name *Narcissus* and Latin *-flora* (flowered) components meaning ‘with flower heads similar to some in the *Narcissus* genus’.

In the Andean mountains the bulb is used medicinally.

Basket flower is believed to have been introduced to Europe by 1794.