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Muscari comosum

[Synonyms : *Hyacinthus comosus*, *Leopoldia comosa*, *Leopoldia tubiflora*, *Muscari pinardii*]

TASSEL HYACINTH is a bulbous perennial. Native to western Europe and North Africa it has horizontal, tiny, brown flowers below a crown of tiny, violet flowers with long, purple stalks forming an erect tassel.

It is also known as *Basal il-Hniezer* (Maltese), *Dağ soğanı* (Turkish), Fair-haired hyacinth, Feather hyacinth, *Fjäderhyacint* (Swedish), *Giacinto muschini* (Italian), *Jacinto das searas* (Portuguese), *Jacinto de penacho* (Spanish), *Muscari-à-houpe* (French), Ostrich feather hyacinth, *Plymhyacint* (Swedish), Purple tassels, Purse tassel, *Schopfartige Bisamhyazinthe* (German), and Tassel grape hyacinth.

Comosum means ‘tufted’.

The bulbs, often pickled, are eaten in some parts of Greece particularly in early Spring.

Medicinally, the tassel hyacinth has been put to use locally in the past.