

### *Muscari neglectum*

[Synonyms : *Botryanthus atlanticus*, *Botryanthus breviscapus*, *Botryanthus granatensis*, *Botryanthus lelievrii* var. *strangwaysii*, *Botryanthus mandraliscae*, *Botryanthus mordoanus*, *Botryanthus neglectus*, *Botryanthus neglectus* var. *speciosa*, *Botryanthus racemosus*, *Botryanthus saulii*, *Botryanthus speciosus*, *Botryanthus strangwaysii*, *Botryanthus vulgaris* var. *strangwaysii*, *Etheiranthus jacquini*, *Hyacinthus neglectus*, *Hyacinthus racemosus*, *Leopoldia neumayeri*, *Muscari ammophilum*, *Muscari atlanticum*, *Muscari atlanticum* subsp. *alpinum*, *Muscari atlanticum* var. *valentinum*, *Muscari bootanensis*, *Muscari botryoides* var. *bucharicum*, *Muscari breviscapum*, *Muscari bucharicum*, *Muscari commutatum*, *Muscari compactum*, *Muscari dolioliforme*, *Muscari elwesii*, *Muscari flaccidum*, *Muscari fontqueri*, *Muscari granatense*, *Muscari grandifolium*, *Muscari grandifolium* var. *populeum*, *Muscari grandifolium* var. *rifanum*, *Muscari grossheimii*, *Muscari letourneuxii*, *Muscari leucostomum*, *Muscari macranthum*, *Muscari mordoanum*, *Muscari neglectum* subsp. *atlanticum*, *Muscari neglectum* forma *bertramii*, *Muscari neglectum* var. *fontqueri*, *Muscari neglectum* subsp. *odorum*, *Muscari neglectum* subsp. *speciosum*, *Muscari neglectum* var. *valentinum*, *Muscari neumayeri*, *Muscari nivale*, *Muscari odoratum*, *Muscari populeum*, *Muscari racemosum*, *Muscari racemosum* var. *alpinum*, *Muscari racemosum* var. *neglectum*, *Muscari skorpili*, *Muscari speciosum*, *Muscari strangwaysii*, *Muscari vandasii*, *Muscari vinyalsii*]

**GRAPE HYACINTH** is a bulbous perennial. Native to Asia and Europe, it has small sweet-scented, white rimmed, dark blue-purple flowers fading to a yellowish colour.

It is also known as Common grape hyacinth, Garden hyacinth, *Matacandiles* (Spanish), *Modřenec hroznatý* (Czech), *Modrica strapcovitá* (Slovak), *Mörkblommig pärlhyacint* (Swedish), *Mörk pärlhyacint* (Swedish), Starch grape hyacinth, Starch hyacinth, *Übersehene Traubenhyazinthe* (German), *Weinbergs-Träubel* (German), and *Weinbergs-Traubenhyazinthe* (German).

Warning – SEE *Muscari* GENUS entry.

In Britain grape hyacinth is a protected species in the wild.

*Neglectum* is derived from Latin *neglego* (to neglect, disregard) meaning ‘overlooked or previously ignored’.

In both Greek and Italian cookery particularly, the grape hyacinth bulb is a delicacy that (after boiling) is either pickled in vinegar or preserved in oil – and served as a relish or an hors d’oeuvre.

Many believe that grape hyacinth can stimulate appetite.