

## Microtis Unifolia (Onion Orchid)



Described by Robert Brown in 1810

Micros from Greek – Mitros - small and Ous – an ear.

Found on Bribie in damp areas in woodlands and grasslands. Growing in small colonies in the grass.

Spikes appear through a split in the side of a hollow.

Onion like leaf with up to 50 tiny green flowers. Stem is 15 inches.

These tiny flowers need a hand lens for viewing. Some petals almost a shiny emerald green.

Aboriginal use – tubers eaten

Flowering October – December

Possibly pollinated by flies, ants, beetles and small wasps.

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