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**Bowiea volubilis (Climbing Sea Onion)**

Sue purchased this house plant at a GCFP convention just because she had never seen anything like it. Having grown it for several years, she now has “babies”.

This plant is a native of Africa and is not related to alliums (onions) but is closely aligned with lilies. It prefers dry, poor soil and heat, but not scorching sun.

The best potting soil for this bulb is ½ soil and ½ sand. The bulb likes to be crowded in its pot and will rot if overwatered. As it matures the bulb produces offset bulbs which can then be separated and repotted.