

MONOCOTYLEDONAE

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FLAVONOIDS OF SQUILL, *URGINEA MARITIMA*

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Plant. Bulbs of *Urginea maritima* Bak. collected in Iberian peninsula and Balearic Islands. *Previous work.* Cyanidin-3-monoglucoside free and acylated with caffeic acid.¹ *Compounds identified.* From extraction of fresh bulbs with ethanol 85% final concentration, fractionation by filtration through polyamide,² and preparative PC the following compounds were isolated and identified by comparison with reference compounds using the usual chromatographic and spectrophotometric methods:³

Major compounds; dihydroquercetin-4'-monoglucoside and quercetin-3-monoglucoside. Minor compounds; quercetin, dihydroquercetin and kaempferol-3-triglucoside. Other compounds detected; several acylated polyglycosides and various simple and complex glycoflavones based on luteolin and apigenin; difficulties in isolation are due to the presence of cardiotonic glycosides which show a similar behaviour in the chromatographic systems.

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Plant. *Amomum cardamomum* L. *Source.* Thailand (known locally as Krawan). *Uses.*