

## MONOCOTYLEDONAE

## LILIACEAE

ANTHOCYANINS OF RED SQUILL, *URGINEA MARITIMA*

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*Plant.* Tetraploid red bulbs of *Urginea maritima* Bak. collected in Balearic Islands. *Previous work.* Cyanidin 3-monoglucoside, free and acylated with caffeic acid,<sup>1</sup> quercetin, dihydroquercetin, kaempferol 3-triglucoside, dihydroquercetin 4'-monoglucoside and quercetin 3-monoglucoside.<sup>2</sup>

*Compounds identified.* Cyanidin and pelargonidin 3-monoglucoside, both free and acylated with *p*-coumaric acid were isolated by preparative PC from the ethanolic extracts and identified by co-chromatography (six solvent PC) and UV analysis.<sup>3</sup> After freeing from polymeric 'sinistrins' by gel filtration on Sephadex G25 according to Somers,<sup>4</sup> it was possible to identify, by the same methods, cyanidin 3,5-diglucoside; a cyanidin triglycoside acylated with *p*-coumaric acid was detected in very small amount. Free caffeic acid was also identified in these bulbs.

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