

The Branched Asphodel

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The Branched Asphodel is a perennial plant, which is frequently in the garigue areas in the Maltese Island, mostly on the Dingli Cliffs and Ghajn Tuffieha. It grows from 50 to 150 cm. It is a monocot plant and has white flowers, which grow in January to April. The flower produced consists of six wax-white, slightly elongated petals, which have a central reddish-brown coloured mid-vein. It is a strong plant and is able to withstand the cold weather, wind, dryness and poor soil nutrients. It produces small orange-brown, pea-sized fruits. This plant is also native to North Africa and the Mediterranean coast.



