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Species : *Muscari commutatum* Guss.

Date of Observation : 22nd March 2005

Location : Hagar Qim, Qrendi

Remarks : Mr. Micheal Briffa had found the first and only specimen of *Muscari commutatum* at Wied Rini, back in 1983 [1]. In his report about this discovery, he suggested that since in Malta there is only one population beside an old lemon tree, the bulbs might have arrived accidentally with soil of this transplanted tree [1]. The discovery of this second and much larger population in a garigue habitat (without nearby trees) can put into question the nativity of this species.



[1] Edwin Lanfranco - Flora section of the Red Data Book for the Maltese Islands, (Ministry of Education), 1989

[2] Michael Briffa, Two interesting additions to the flora of the Maltese islands, Central Mediterranean Naturalist Vol. 1 (4), 1986

