

Allium neapolitanum Cirillo, NAPLES GARLIC, DAFFODIL GARLIC. Perennial herb, geophytic, bulb-bearing, flat-rosetted, scapose with 1 erect inflorescence, in range 10–25+ cm tall; shoots with only horizontal, basal leaves, initially 2(–3)-leaved becoming leafless during flowering, glabrous, with faint odor of garlic; bulb ellipsoid, becoming incrustated on outer layers, to 12 mm diameter, bulb scales membranous with ca. 25 parallel veins and a faintly netlike cell pattern between principal veins, cells vertically elongate with thick sinusoidal walls on outer surface (10×) and on radial walls on inner surface (15×). **Stem (scape):** hemi-elliptic in ×-section with 2 angles, < 2 mm diameter, green but white belowground, colorless ridges on angles < 0.2 mm tall. **Leaves:** alternate, simple and sheathing; sheath closed, barely extending above soil surface, persistent; blade lanceolate-linear, 8–100 mm long, keeled below midpoint, entire to minutely dentate on margins, parallel-veined. **Inflorescence:** umbel-like, flat-topped, 6–25-flowered, at least 1/2 flowers open at once, bracteate, glabrous; bracts subtending umbel fused to form a spathe, triangular, sheathing umbel at base, membranous aging scarious, 15–17 × 6.5–8 mm, acute to long-pointed at tip, covering flower buds and cranelike when emerging from soil, splitting apart as inflorescence expands, persistent; bractlet subtending pedicel absent; pedicel at anthesis ascending, 14–35 mm long. **Flower:** bisexual, radial, 13–15 mm across, bell-shaped to saucer-shaped; **tepals** 6 in 2 whorls, free, white; outer tepals ovate to obovate and inner tepals oblong to lanceolate, 7–12 × 3.3–6.5, inner tepals slightly > outer tepals and narrower, white with green at base; **stamens** 6, fused to bases of tepals, included; filaments erect, unequal, 3–4.5(–5) mm long, ca. 0.7 mm wide at base gradually tapered to tip, white; anthers versatile, dithecal, 1.5–1.7 mm long, light yellow but internally green, arrow-shaped at base, longitudinally dehiscent; pollen yellow; **nectary** beneath ovary and concealed by stamen bases, intermediate light green to yellow-green, producing copious nectar; **pistil** 1, 5.5–6.5 mm long; ovary superior, inversely conic and 3-lobed, 2–2.5 × 2.2–2.3 mm, green, lobes slightly notched laterally but without crest, 3-chambered, each chamber filled with 2 ovules attached to center; style arising from pit at top of ovary, 4.5–5 mm long, white, tapered to tip; stigma capitate. **Fruit:** capsule, loculicidal, dehiscent by 3 valves, 6-seeded, ± spheric, 4.5–5 mm, with deep indentation at top and having a persistent style. **Seed:** obovoid, black. Early March–late March.

Naturalized. A bulb-bearing perennial geophyte known from a single locality at Semler Reservoir in Westlake Village, but potentially invasive. *Allium neapolitanum* has white flowers with an ovary that does not have the crests as found in the native, white-flowered *A. haematochiton*.

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