PLANT FACT SHEET

Digitaria gayana (Kunth) Stapf. ex A Chev.

GENUS *Digitaria* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Annual purple fingergrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It grows up to 40 cm high. It can form clumps. The leaf blade is 3-7 cm long by about 0.5 cm wide. The leaf surface is slightly rough. The flowering stalks have 2-3 side stalks with flowers along them. These are 6-13 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the Sahel. It grows in disturbed land on sandy soil. It can grow on coastal sands.

NOTES

There are about 250 Digitaria species.

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