PLANT FACT SHEET

Deschampsia caespitosa (L.) P.Beauv.

GENUS *Deschampsia* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Tussock grass, Tufted Hairgrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

DESCRIPTION

A grass which has leaves year round. It forms erect tussocks. It grows 1.2-1.8 m high and 1.2-1.5 m wide. The leaves are narrow and dark green. They are 10-60 cm long by 0.2-0.5 cm wide. They are often rolled inwards. The form a dense clump. The leaves have sharp tips. The flowers are airy plumes. They start green or purple and change with the season. They are 10-50 cm long by 15-20 cm wide.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate and arctic regions. It is frost hardy. It grows in highland and subalpine regions. It likes a moist position in full sun. It suits hardiness zones 5-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by division of the clump.

NOTES

There are between 40 and 50 Deschampsia species.

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