PLANT FACT SHEET

Pennisetum thunbergii Kunth

GENUS *Pennisetum* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Pearl millet, Thunberg's pennisetum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

DESCRIPTION

A millet grass that forms dense tufts. It grows 1 m tall. It can have long rhizomes or underground stems. The leaf blades are 10-40 cm long and 4-7 mm wide. The tip of the leaves are long and rolled. The flowers are in a short dense spike.

HABITAT

It grows in damp soil. It grows in high altitudes in tropical Africa.

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