PLANT FACT SHEET

Dinebra retroflexa (Vahl) Panzer

GENUS *Dinebra* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Mother of Lines

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal, Grain

The seeds are cooked as a cereal.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It forms tufts which are straggling. These lie over and root at the nodes. The leaf blades are narrow and flat. It is green or purplish green and 50 cm high. The leaf blades are narrow and flat. They are 3-25 cm long by 0.3-0.5 cm wide. They taper to the tip. The flowerings stalk is 6-20 cm long and narrowly oblong and open. The flower is made up of many spikes all turned to one side and irregularly arranged.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dry valleys up to 1150 m in Yunnan in China. It grows on clayey soil. It grows in drier places. It does best in slightly alkaline soils.

NOTES

There are 3 Dinebra species.

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