PLANT FACT SHEET

Cenchrus longispinus (Hack.) Fernald

GENUS *Cenchrus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Longspine Sandbur, Spiny burrgrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

DESCRIPTION

A grass that lies over. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 80 cm high. The flowers are green. It produces a spiny burr. The spikelets are 5.8-7.2 mm long and have 40-70 spines on the burr. The spines are 7 mm long.

HABITAT

It grows on grey sand. It grows in warm temperate places.

NOTES

There are about 23 Cenchrus species.

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