PLANT FACT SHEET

Sporobolus spicatus (Vahl) Kunth

GENUS *Sporobolus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Drop seed grass, Salt grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal, Grain

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is a spiny grass. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 20-30 cm high. It forms short tufts. It has runners and forms mats. The leaves are pale green and narrow. The flowers are in a cylinder shaped group. This can be 8.5 cm long and is pale yellow.

HABITAT

In Bahrain it grows in sandy or gravelly soils. It can tolerate alkaline soils. It can tolerate salty soils. It grows in the drier parts of Africa. It can fix sand dunes. It grows from sea level to 2,600 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are about 160 Sporobolus species. They are mainly in the tropics and subtropics. It has a C4 pathway.

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