PLANT FACT SHEET

Melinus repens (Willd.) Zizka

GENUS *Melinus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Natal red-top, Natal grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is an annual grass that forms tufts. It has runners and can keep growing from year to year. It grows 1.5 m tall. The leaf blade is 20 cm long by 0.2-1.4 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It suits hot arid places. It can grow in dry sandy soils. It is best in well drained soils. It grows between sea level and 2,600 m above sea level. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,300 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

It has a C4 pathway.

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