PLANT FACT SHEET

Eragrostis cilianensis (All.) Vignolo ex Janchen

GENUS *Eragrostis* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Stink grass, Smelly lovegrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are used for making bread and also for beer. They are also used for porridge.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It forms tufts. It grows to 60 cm high. It has an unpleasant smell. The leaf blades are 8 mm wide. They have small dark glands along the edge. The flower panicle is narrow. It is 5-20 cm long. There is a dark ring of glands on the axis below the lower branches of the flower. The spikelets are narrow and 6-18 mm long. There are 10-30 flowers.

HABITAT

It grows in subtropical and warm temperate places. It often gets established in poor open pasture. It grows between sea level and 2,000 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 3,000 m above sea level. Tasmanian Herbarium.

NOTES

There are about 300 Eragrostis species.

PICTURES



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