PLANT FACT SHEET

Eragrostis tenellula (Kunth) Steudel

GENUS *Eragrostis* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Kerosene grass, Delicate Lovegrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds or grains are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A strong tufted grass. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 30-80 cm high. The stems are tough. The leaves are long and have a fine point. There are stripes on the sheath and blades. The stems are restricted at the nods. The flowering shoot is a panicle 20-40 cm long. There are many fine branches. The spikelets are very small.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on sandy soils. It is usually on heavier soils and on the wetter edges. It grows in tropical and subtropical places. It suits desert or dry shrubland.

NOTES

There are about 300 Eragrostis species.

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