PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Dactyloctenium radulans* (R. Br.) P. Beauv.

**GENUS** *Dactyloctenium* **FAMILY** Poaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Button grass

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Seeds, Cereal

## DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It lies along the ground. It can grow 15-30 cm high. The stems are slender. These taper towards the tip. The leaf sheath is smooth, loose and keeled. The ligule is thin and hairy of the edges. The flowering stalk has 6 finger-like spikes. These are 1-2 cm long and clustered in a head.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on flat country in the Kimberleys. It can grow on salty, limestone or alluvial soils. It grows in tropical places but also in temperate places. It can grow in arid places.

## NOTES

There are 13 Dactyloctenium species.

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