PLANT FACT SHEET

Cenchrus prieurii (Kunth) Maire

GENUS *Cenchrus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are eaten raw and also mixed with millet (bajra) for making bread.
It is used in kreb a grain mixture eaten in Chad.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It grows 12-35 cm high. The leaf blades are 5-7 cm long by 4-5 mm wide. The flower panicle is a cylinder shape and 5-9 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in semi-desert regions. It cannot tolerate frost. It can grow in dry, alkaline, sandy soils. It can grow in soils with a pH 7.7-7.9. It cannot tolerate salt. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are about 23 Cenchrus species.

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