PLANT FACT SHEET

Koelpinia linearis Pallas

GENUS *Koelpinia* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Koelpinia, Goat's beard

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A low annual herb. The stems are usually branched. They are sprawling or erect. The leaves are narrow and grass-like. They are greyish-green and have 3 veins. The flower heads are yellow. They turn purple as they dry. They are 6-8 mm across and occur singly or as 2-3 together. The florets have rays and there are few flower bracts. They are narrow and equal to the florets. The achenes are narrow, hooked and curved inwards. They are 12-16 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It grows on the edges of fields and on stony ground. It can grow in sandy places and semi deserts as well as along streams. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The plants grows from seed. The seeds have hooks which helps it spread by attaching to animals.

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