PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Leptochloa chinensis* (L.) Nees

**GENUS** *Leptochloa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Asian sprangletop

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Seeds, Grain, Cereal

## DESCRIPTION

A cereal grass. It grows inn tufts. It can grow for one year or keep growing from year to year. It grows 1 m tall. The leaf blades are 5-25 cm long by 2-9 mm wide. They can be flat or slightly rolled. The flowering shoots are 10-50 cm long. The seed is 7-9 mm long.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in clay soils between 460-910 m above sea level. It is usually in or near water. In southern China it grows in moist places between 200-1,000 m above sea level. It is rare in Swaziland. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

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