PLANT FACT SHEET

Digitaria ciliaris (Retz.) Koeler

GENUS *Digitaria* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Summer grass, Tropical finger grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are cooked as a cereal and also used for a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A wild millet grass. It is an annual grass. It branches and roots at the lower nodes. It is 30-100 cm tall. The leaf blade is 5-20 cm long. The flowering stalk has 3 spike like stalks each 3-20 cm long. The spikelets are 2.5-3.5 mm long. It is a very variable plant.

HABITAT

It grows in the tropics and subtropics. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 2,000 m above sea level. Tasmanian Herbarium. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 250 Digitaria species.
Possibly not naturalised in Tasmania.

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