PLANT FACT SHEET

Bouteloua gracilis (Kunth) Griffiths

GENUS *Bouteloua* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Blue grama

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

DESCRIPTION

An annual or perennial grass. It forms dense tufts. It is erect and grows 15-60 cm tall. The leaves are 3-10 cm long and 1-2 mm wide. There are 1 or 2 flowering stalks. These are 3-5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in dry, shallow, rocky soils. It grows between 300-2,400 m above sea level. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall above 500 mm. It can tolerate drought. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

The seeds are small and difficult to separate from the bracts.

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