PLANT FACT SHEET

Eragrostis multiflora Trin.

GENUS *Eragrostis* **FAMILY** Poaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are eaten when food is short.
It is used in kreb a grain mixture eaten in Chad.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is an annual grass that forms loose tufts. It grows 30-100 cm high. The leaf blades are flat and 20 cm long by 5 mm wide. The flower panicles are oval and 7-30 cm long. They are very loose and open. The spikelets tremble on long fine stalks. The spikelets have 10-60 flowers. These are narrow and 5-25 mm long. The seed is about 0.5 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on sandy soils. It grows in the savannah zone in West Africa. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 200-950 mm. It grows from sea level to 1,500 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seeds. Seeds are hard and germinate better with seed treatment.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow quickly. Vegetative growth lasts for 19-35 days.

NOTES

There are about 300 Eragrostis species.

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