PLANT FACT SHEET

Eragrostis setifolia Nees

GENUS *Eragrostis* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Narrow leaf Neverfail Grass, Bristly Love Grass, Naked woollybutt, Perennial lovegrass, Plain grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

DESCRIPTION

A grass which keeps growing from year to year. It grows 20-45 cm high. It forms clumps which spread slowly. The leaves are 4-13 cm long by 0.1-0.3 cm wide. The are narrow and can be flat or rolled inwards. They are rough on the upper surface. The edges are thickened and sharp. The stems are 20-45 cm long and slender and wiry. The branched flower head is 7-10 cm long by 1-2.5 cm wide. There are separate clusters of spikelets. These are green and 1-1.5 cm long. They are flattened.

HABITAT

It grows in inland areas in Australia. It grows in tropical and subtropical places. It grows in loose clusters on the beds of occasional streams. It is very hardy. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by division of the plant.

NOTES

There are about 300 Eragrostis species.

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