PLANT FACT SHEET

Sporobolus panicoides A. Rich.

GENUS *Sporobolus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Famine grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal, Grains

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It forms loose tufts. It grows 1 m high. The leaf sheaths are papery. The leaf blade is 5-30 cm long by 2-6 mm wide. It can be flat or rolled inwards. The flower panicle is 4-22 cm long. It is narrowly oval. It forms branches in a succession of rings. There are 1-4 spikelets per branch. The seeds or grains are 1.2-1.7 mm across. They are round.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dry sandy soil in shade near deciduous bushland. It also grows on seasonally wet soils. It grows between 90-1,250 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 160 Sporobolus species. They are mainly in the tropics and subtropics.

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