PLANT FACT SHEET

Dactyloctenium scindicum Boiss

GENUS *Dactyloctenium* **FAMILY** Poaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Grains, Cereal

The seeds are mixed with millet.
CAUTION: They are reported to cause stomach upsets.

DESCRIPTION

A cereal grass. It forms stolons or runners and keeps growing from year to year. It forms mats. It grows 7-45 cm high. The stalks are slender with swollen bases. The leaf blades are tough and loosely folded. They are 1-11 cm long by 2-3 mm wide. The seed is about 1 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It often grows over limestone material. It grows in dry soil. It grows between 60-830 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are 13 Dactyloctenium species.

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