PLANT FACT SHEET

Eragrostis pilosa (L.) Beauv.

GENUS *Eragrostis* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Soft Lovegrass, Wild tef

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are cooked as a cereal. It is used in kreb a grain mixture eaten in Chad.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It can be erect or lie over. It grows 8-40 cm high. The leaf blades are short and narrow. They are 1-3 mm wide. The flowers are in a delicate panicle. They are open and 5-20 cm long.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. It is widely distributed in the tropics. It grows well in damp places. It can grow on sandy soils. It can grow in hot arid places. It can be in poorly drained soils that are sandy or have clay. It grows from sea level to 2,300 m above sea level. It can tolerate shade. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Seed can be collected from ant hills.

NOTES

There are about 300 Eragrostis species. It is 16.1% protein.

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