PLANT FACT SHEET

Digitaria ternata (A. Rich.) Stapf

GENUS *Digitaria* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Black seed finger grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

DESCRIPTION

A wild millet grass. It is a tufted annual grass. It grows 1.5 m high. The leaves are narrow and flat. The stems have 3 or 4 seed racemes extending sideways and 15 cm long. The seed are 2 mm long. They are dark coloured.

HABITAT

It grows in tropical and subtropical places. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 2,000 m above sea level. Tasmanian Herbarium.

NOTES

There are about 250 Digitaria species.
Possibly not naturalised in Tasmania.

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