PLANT FACT SHEET

Digitaria debilis (Desf.) Willd.

GENUS *Digitaria* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Finger grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

DESCRIPTION

A grass. It can form tufts or lie along the ground. It can grow each year from seeds or keep growing from year to year. It grows 60 cm high. The leaf blades are 20-25 mm long by 2-4 mm wide. The spikelets can occur singly or in pairs. They are 2-3 mm long by 1 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in sandy and clay soils. It grows between sea level to 1,600 m above sea level. It is often along river banks. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are about 250 Digitaria species.

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