PLANT FACT SHEET

Lolium rigidum Gaudin

GENUS *Lolium* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Annual ryegrass, Wimmera ryegrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It is less than 30 cm high. The stems are reddish in colour. It produces both flowering and non flowering shoots. The leaves are flat and 20 cm long. They are 8 mm wide and hairless. The flowers are in spikes that are shorter than the stems. There are 3-11 florets per spikelet. The spikes are open at maturity.

HABITAT

A Mediterranean or temperate plant. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 180-500 mm. It can grow in arid places. It is moderately salt tolerant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 8 Lolium species. They are temperate.

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