PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhynchelytrum repens (Willd.) C. E. Hubbard

GENUS *Rhynchelytrum* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Natal grass, Red Natal Grass, Ruby grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A grass which keeps growing from year to year. It develops into a tussock. The leaves are stems are pale green. They sometimes have purple blotches. The lower stems can often lie along the ground and root at the nodes. The flowering heads are deep pink or red. They are in an open arrangement on the top of slender stalks. The mature flower has shining pink or red silky hairs. The plant varies a lot.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in coastal regions. It suits warm places. It often grows on poorer soils.

NOTES

There are 15 Rhynchelytrum species. They grow in tropical Africa.

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