PLANT FACT SHEET

Sporobolus airoides (Torr.) Torr.

GENUS *Sporobolus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Alkali sakaton

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are parched, ground and eaten dry or made into mush.

DESCRIPTION

A grass. It forms bunches and can grow to 2 m tall. The stem bases are thick and tough. The leaves are green to grey and 50-60 cm long. The flowering shoots are long and wide open.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows well in alkaline soils. It will also grow in salty soils.

NOTES

There are about 160 Sporobolus species. They are mainly in the tropics and subtropics.

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