PLANT FACT SHEET

Hordeum distichon L.

GENUS *Hordeum* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Two rowed barley, Red Sea barley

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

It is often used for malting for beer.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It grows 15-20 cm high. Only the central spike of each 3 is fertile so there ends up 2 long rows or fertile spikes in each spikelet.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It ripens in 3 months. This allows double cropping.

NOTES

There are about 20 Hordeum species.

PICTURES



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