PLANT FACT SHEET

Themeda triandra Forsskal

GENUS *Themeda* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Kangaroo Grass, Red oat grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Grains, Cereal, Leaves

The seeds are ground and eaten. They are cooked and used for damper.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is a grass which grows in dense tufts. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows about 1 m high. The leaves are coarse and narrow. They are 30 cm long. The stems are slightly flattened and smooth. The flower heads occur in stalked clusters. They are green and purple. They turn a rusty brown as they ripen.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in most types of soils. It is drought resistant. It grows in tropical and temperate places. It grows in the Upper Nile. It grows best with temperatures of 25-35°C. It grows in hot arid areas. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 375-6,250 mm. It grows from sea level to 3,000 m above sea level. It will re-grow after fire. It can grow in arid places. Melbourne Botanical gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. The seed need to be stored for 6-11 months.

PICTURES



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