PLANT FACT SHEET

Kaokochloa nigrirostris De Winter

GENUS *Kaokochloa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Kaoko grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is an annual grass. It is erect and forms loose tufts. The aerial parts have an unpleasant smell. It grows 60 cm high. The leaf blades are 5-12 cm long and 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid places. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall less than 50 mm. It is often over limestone material. It grows in dry sandy and stony soils. It grows between 600-1,000 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

The seeds are often collected from harvester ant nests. The seeds are hard to grind.

NOTES

It has a C4 pathway.

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