PLANT FACT SHEET

Kyllinga squamulata Thonn.

GENUS *Kyllinga* **FAMILY** Cyperaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Culms - flavouring

The swollen culm base is chewed and added to food as a flavouring.

DESCRIPTION

A sedge. It is a herb that grows each year from seed. It grows 5-18 cm high. The stem is 1 mm across. It is sharply triangle shaped but smooth. The leaves are the same length as the stem. The leaf blade is 13 cm long and 3 mm wide. It is soft and flexible. The flowers are in a round compact cluster of 50-100 spikes. The nut is 3-4 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in waste places and often these are sandy. In Pakistan it grows in moist vales between 1,300 -2,000 m altitude.

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