PLANT FACT SHEET

Lolium temulentum L.

GENUS *Lolium* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Darnel

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds have been eaten. They are also used for a hot drink called pinole.
CAUTION: Sometimes a poisonous fungus (Endoconidium temulentum) affects the grains.

DESCRIPTION

A stiff short annual grass. It usually forms tufts and has erect stems. The leaves are alternate and in two ranks. The leaves are green and the blades are 3-13 mm wide. The flowers are in erect spikes. They are somewhat zigzag between the spikelets. The spikelets are 8-28 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in waste and fallow ground. In Argentina it grows below 700 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 8 Lolium species. They are temperate.

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