PLANT FACT SHEET

Urochloa brachyura (Hack.) Stapf

GENUS *Urochloa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Annual tailgrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are used in porridge.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is an erect annual grass. It forms tussocks. It grows up to 1.2 m high. The leaf blades are broadly oval or sword shaped and 3-30 cm long by 3-16 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid places. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 300-1,100 mm. It is often over limestone material. It can grow in semi desert. It can tolerate shade. It grows between 1,030-1,850 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

The seeds are collected from harvester ant nests.

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