PLANT FACT SHEET

Stipagrostis giessii Kers

GENUS *Stipagrostis* **FAMILY** Poaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are used in porridge.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is an erect grass that forms tufts. It keeps growing from year to year. The flower heads are spiny. It grows 80 cm high. The leaves are near the base. They are 7-25 cm long by 2 mm wide. The flower heads are branched.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid places with a marked dry season. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall less than 400 mm. It grows on sandy and stony soils. It grows between 300-1,200 m above sea level. It can be on dunes and in the desert. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Seeds are collected from harvester ant nests.

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