PLANT FACT SHEET

Sporobolus festivus Hochst. ex A. Rich.

GENUS *Sporobolus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Confetti dropseed, Fibrous dropseed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Grain, Cereal

DESCRIPTION

A grass that keeps growing from year to year. It forms tufts. It grows 60 cm high. The leaf sheath at the base is papery. It turns into fibres. The leaf blade is 2-15 cm long by 1-2 mm wide. The edges roll inwards. The flower panicle is 3-22 cm long. It is narrowly oval. The seeds or grains are 0.5-0.7 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on well-drained open places. It is often on shallow sandy soils and in the crevices of rocks. It grows between 90-1,200 m altitude.

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