PLANT FACT SHEET

Agriophyllum squarrosum (L.) Moquin-Tandon;

GENUS *Agriophyllum* **FAMILY** Amaranthaceae

COMMON NAMES Sand weed grain, Sand weed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seeds

The shoots and leaves are eaten.
The seeds are eaten as a grain. The seed are used to make flour.

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It grows 15-60 cm high. It has long roots. The stems are erect and light green. The branches are covered with branched hairs. The leaves do not have leaf stalks. The leaves are narrowly sword shaped and 2-8 cm long by 4-10 mm wide. There is a spine at the tip. The flowers are small and in spikes in the axils of leaves. They are in spiny and hairy groups. The fruit are crowded in a head. The seeds is like millet. It is 1-5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on dunes and sandy places. It grows on sandy soils in the deserts of Central Asia. It can grow in arid places. In Inner Mongolia.

NOTES

There are 6 Agriophyllum species. Also put in the family Chenopodiaceae.

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