PLANT FACT SHEET

Panicum hirtum Hackel

GENUS *Panicum* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Heartleaf grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Rhizome, Root

The rhizomes are used as a famine food.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It grows 20-80 cm long. The leaf blade is 8-12 cm long by 10-25 mm wide. They are narrowly oval. The flower panicle is 4-15 cm long. It has many branches. The spikelets are 1.5 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in bushland and savanna throughout tropical Africa. It grows from 30-1,700 m altitude. It grows in hot arid places. It grows in dry sandy soils and in poorly drained soils. It can tolerate shade. It can grow in arid places. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

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