PLANT FACT SHEET

Urochloa distachya (L.) T.Q.Nguyen

GENUS *Urochloa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Green Summer grass, Arm grass millet

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are ground to a paste and cooked.

DESCRIPTION

An annual or short lived millet grass. The culms are slender. They are straggling and root at the nodes. It is 20-60 cm tall. The leaf blades are sword shaped and 4-15 cm long by 0.4-1 cm wide. They have thickened edges. The sheaths are loose and longer than the internodes. The flowering stalk has 3-4 widely spaced racemes. These are 2-5 cm long. The spikelets are plump and pointed. They are 3 mm or longer. The spikelets are on one side only.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in hill slopes and grassy places in S China. It grows on sand plains. It grows in dry soils. It grows between 1-1,300 m above sea level. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall above 300 mm. It can grow in arid places. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 100 Brachiaria species. This one can be a troublesome weed.

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