PLANT FACT SHEET

Eragrostis curvula (Schrad.) Nees

GENUS *Eragrostis* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Weeping lovegrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Grain, Cereal

The seeds are used for bread and also for making beer.
The seeds are eaten as a cereal.
They are also used to make an alcoholic drink. Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.

DESCRIPTION

A grass. A densely tufted plant. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 60-100 cm high. There are many leaves and they are very narrow They have a fine tip. The flowering shoots can be 30 cm long. There are many flowering spikes lying close to the branch. They are dark grey-green. They are 5-6 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical to temperate plant. It grows in humid but not wet soils. It grows in hot arid areas with an annual rainfall between 300-1,000 mm. It can grow in acid and weakly salty soils. It grows from sea level to 3,500 m above sea level. It will re-grow after fire. It can grow in sands and alkaline soils. It can grow in arid places. In Yunnan.

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