PLANT FACT SHEET

Dactyloctenium geminatum Hack.

GENUS *Dactyloctenium* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Ausdenan

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stems, Roots, Rhizome

The stems are sweet and are chewed.

DESCRIPTION

A grass. It is tough and mat forming and keeps growing from year to year. The spikelets have 3-6 flowers. The seed or grain is 1 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in sandy soils and alkaline places.

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