PLANT FACT SHEET

Panicum capillare L.

GENUS *Panicum* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Witch Grass, Old witch grass, Tumble panic grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seed is cooked and used whole or ground into a flour to make bread.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It forms tufts. It grows up to 60 cm tall. It spreads to 30 cm across. The leaves are 7-30 cm long by 5-14 mm wide. They are flat. The flower panicle is broad and 15-50 cm long. The spikelets are on long thin stalks. The flowers are green.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It requires a moderately fertile soil which is well drained and it requires full sunlight. It often grows on sand and coastal dunes. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Seed is sown shallowly and germinates in one week.

NOTES

There are about 500 Panicum species.
Possibly not naturalised in Tasmania.

PICTURES



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