PLANT FACT SHEET

Sporobolus fimbriatus (Trin.) Nees

GENUS *Sporobolus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Dropseed grass, Perennial dropseed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The young flower spikes are made into porridge and eaten in times of scarcity.
The seeds are used in porridge and for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is a grass that forms tussocks. It is erect and keep growing from year to year but loses its leaves. It has underground stems or rhizomes. It can grow 1.7 m high. The leaves can be 30 cm long and 2-4 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in hot arid areas. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 300-1,100 mm. It grows in deep, well-drained soils. It is often over limestone materials. It grows from sea level to 2,200 m above sea level. It can tolerate shade. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are about 160 Sporobolus species. They are mainly in the tropics and subtropics.

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