PLANT FACT SHEET

Panicum virgatum L.

GENUS *Panicum* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Switch grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

DESCRIPTION

A grass. It grows 2.1 m tall. It forms large clumps and has rhizomes or underground runners. The leaf blades are 60 cm long by 6 mm wide. The flowering shoots are 50 cm long. They are open or spreading. The spikelets are 5 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits semi-arid regions.

PICTURES



Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

REFERENCES

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