PLANT FACT SHEET

Eragrostis gangetica (Roxb.) Steud.

GENUS *Eragrostis* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Slimflower lovegrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are cooked as a cereal.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It grows 75 cm tall. The leaf blades are 3-15 cm long by 1-3 mm wide. The flower panicle is 6-20 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on flood plain grasslands and sand banks along rivers. It grows from 500-1700 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 300 Eragrostis species.

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