PLANT FACT SHEET

Eragrostis ciliaris (L.) R. Br.

GENUS *Eragrostis* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Love grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are cooked as a cereal.

DESCRIPTION

A grass. It is a tufted annual. It grows 5-60 cm high. The leaf blade is flat and 12 cm long by 5 mm wide. The flower panicle is like a spike but interrupted. It is 1-20 cm long and woolly. The spikelets have 6-12 flowers. The seeds are up to 0.5 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It can grow in sandy locations including pure coastal sand. In West Africa it grows from sea level to 1,400 m altitude. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,600 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 300 Eragrostis species.

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