PLANT FACT SHEET

Eragrostis aethiopica Chiov.

GENUS *Eragrostis* **FAMILY** Poaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Grains, Cereal

The seeds are eaten as a grain.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It forms loose tufts. It grows 60 cm high. The stalks are slender. The leaf blade is flat and 3-20 cm long by 1-3 mm wide. The flower panicle is 6-25 cm long and delicate and open. The branches are in loose rings. The spikelets have 6-18 flower. The seeds are 0.5 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in alluvial soils and sand. It grows between 20-1,400 m above sea level.

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