PLANT FACT SHEET

Andropogon gayanus Kunth

GENUS *Andropogon* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Rhodesian bluegrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Grains, Cereal

The seeds are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A grass that keeps growing from year to year. It forms tussocks. It grows 1.3 m high. The leaves can be woolly below. The grass has a blue-green colour. There are several varieties.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally on clayey and sandy soils. In Swaziland it is rare and in the low veld only. It grows between 400-1,500 m altitude. It can tolerate frost. It often grows over limestone materials. It can grow in acid, neutral and alkaline soils. It can tolerate shade and drought. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are about 100 Andropogon species.

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