PLANT FACT SHEET

Urochloa reptans (L.) Stapf

GENUS *Urochloa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Fine armgrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The grains are eaten when food is scarce.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. The base is creeping and there are several slender stems. The nodes have beards. The leaf sheaths are shorter than the internodes. They are hairy and loose. The leaf blades are short and 5-8 mm wide. They are rounded at the base and have crinkly edges. The flower stalk has several slender racemes. The spikelets are arranged in an irregular fashion. They are less than 3 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur on slightly better soils in medium rainfall areas.

NOTES

There are about 100 Brachiaria species.

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