PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Oryza coarctata* Roxb.

**GENUS** *Oryza* **FAMILY** Poaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Wild rice

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Seeds

The seeds are used as a rice substitute in times of food shortage.

## DESCRIPTION

A grass. It keeps growing from year to year. It has extensive creeping rhizomes or underground stems. It grows 2 m high. The leaf blades are 40 cm long by 12 mm wide. The flower panicle is 10-20 cm long and narrow.

## HABITAT

A subtropical plant. It grows in water. It can grow in salty soil. It grows in dense mats at the mouth of the Indus River. It is flooded at high tide. It grows in mangrove forests. It grows in coastal places.

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