PLANT FACT SHEET

Urochloa serrifolia (Hochst.) Zon

GENUS *Urochloa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal, Grains

The seeds are used for porridge.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It grows 90 cm high. The leaf blades are sword shaped and 5-25 cm long by 8-25 mm wide. They are heart shaped at the base. The edges have teeth like crinkles. The flower stalks are 5-20 cm long and have 3-14 groups of flowers.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows under light shade of deciduous bushland. In grows between 400-1,800 m above sea level.

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