PLANT FACT SHEET

Urochloa ramosa (L.) T.Q.Nguyen

GENUS *Urochloa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Signal grass, Browntop millet

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are mixed with millet or other grains to increase the bulk.
If used for chapattis it should be eaten with buttermilk to avoid constipation.

DESCRIPTION

A millet grass. It is an annual grass. It grows 60 cm high. It forms loos tufts. The culms root from the lower nodes. The leaves are 5-12.5 cm long by 0.6-1.5 cm wide. The leaves are soft and limp. The edge is sharp. Leaves have a somewhat rough texture. They can be finely hairy. The flowers are green and in long undivided flower arrangement.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on most alluvial soils. In Nepal is grows to 1800 m altitude. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by splitting the rhizome.

NOTES

There are about 100 Brachiaria species.

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