PLANT FACT SHEET

Anthephora pubescens Nees

GENUS *Anthephora* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Wool grass, Bottle brush grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

DESCRIPTION

A grass that grows in tufts. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 1-2 m high. It has sturdy rhizomes or underground stems. The leaves form a tuft at the base. These are long and narrow and 30-50 cm long. The leaves on the stalk are 10-15 cm long and 3-5 mm wide. They taper to a soft point. The edges are thickened. The flowers are straw coloured or dull purple. They are 5-15 cm long and 1 m wide. The flower spikelets are in clusters. They are 6-11 mm long. They are densely hairy.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in rocky sites in deciduous bushland in West Africa. It grows in savanna woodland between 600-1,300 m above sea level.

NOTES

It is grown as a pasture grass.

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