PLANT FACT SHEET

Stipagrostis obtusa (Delile) Nees

GENUS *Stipagrostis* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Triple awned grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are eaten in porridge.
They are also used for beer.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is an erect annual grass. It forms tufts. It can keep growing for a few years. It grows 60 cm high.

HABITAT

It grows in dry sandy soils. It cannot tolerate salt. It often grows over limestone material. It can grow in desert. It grows between 80-1,300 m above sea level. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 50-400 mm. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

The seeds are collected from ants nests. The seeds are winnowed and ground into flour.

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