PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Lasiurus scindicus* Henrard

**GENUS** *Lasiurus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Tabas grass

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are ground into flour and mixed with other flours. It makes a hard bread.

## DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is a grass that forms tufts. The stems are wiry. It grows 90 cm high. It has underground stems or rhizomes. It keeps growing from year to year.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in dry sandy soils in the Sahel in West Africa. It is drought resistant. It cannot tolerate frost. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 50-250 mm. It can grow in alkaline soil. It can grow in arid places.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

It is grown from seeds. It can be grown from cuttings.

## NOTES

There is only one Lasiurus species according to Flora of Pakistan - not this one!

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