PLANT FACT SHEET

Thysanolaena latifolia (Roxb. ex Hornem.) Honda

GENUS *Thysanolaena* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Tiger grass, Broom-grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaf buds, Flowers, Leaves - flavouring

The fresh leaf buds are eaten.
Rice and other foods are wrapped in the leaves for cooking and this imparts a flavour to the food.

DESCRIPTION

A grass which keeps growing from year to year. It grows to about 3 m tall. The stem is round and solid. The leaves are large and narrow. They are leathery and taper to a fine point. They are heart shaped at the base. The flower is brownish. The fruit is a grain. It is very small.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Nepal it grows from 300-2000 m altitude. It grows in open, rocky places. It grows on mountain sides. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or by splitting the mother plant.

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