PLANT FACT SHEET

Phalaris canariensis L.

GENUS *Phalaris* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Canary grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It grows 20-100 cm tall. It forms clumps. The stems are erect but there can be a bend near the base. The leaves are green and 15 cm long. The flower panicles are dense. They are 1.5-4 cm long. The spikelets are 6-10 mm long and 2.5-3 mm wide. The glumes are equal and have an abrupt point. The seeds are straw coloured. They are 4 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can grow in arid places. in Argentina it grows below 600 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 6-10.

NOTES

There are about 15 Phalaris species.

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