PLANT FACT SHEET

Setaria pumila (Poir.) Roem. & Schult.

GENUS *Setaria* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow bristle grass, Annual timothy

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal, Seeds - drink

The young leaves are boiled and cooked as a vegetable.
The seeds are cooked and used to make a meal.
The seeds are used to make a local drink called Auong.

DESCRIPTION

A millet grass. It is an annual grass. It grows 20-90 cm tall. The leaf blades are linear and 5-40 cm long by 0.2-1 cm wide. The flowering head is like a "fox tail". The flowering head is cylinder shaped. The bristles are orange.

HABITAT

It grows in tropical and warm temperate places. It is cultivated by hill tribes in southern India. In the Mediterranean is often grows in damp places like ditches. In Africa it grows from sea level to 1,500 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 130 Setaria species. They are mainly in the tropics and subtropics.

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