PLANT FACT SHEET

Lolium perenne L.

GENUS *Lolium* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Perennial ryegrass, English ryegrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal, Stems

The stems are chewed as a snack.
The seeds are used as a meal and to make alcoholic drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A grass which keeps growing from year to year. It grows 90 cm high. It produces both flowering and non flowering shoots. The base of the leaf sheaths is green or purplish. The midrib is easy to see. The leaf blade is usually 1 cm long by 2-4 mm wide. The lower surface is dark green and shiny. The flowers are in slightly curved spikes. These can be 15 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is a pasture grass. It grows in high rainfall areas. It suits hardiness zones 5-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 8 Lolium species. They are temperate.

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