PLANT FACT SHEET

Setaria pumila subsp. pallidefusca (Schumach.) B. K. Simon

GENUS *Setaria* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Bristly foxtail grass, Cattail grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The grains are used as a cereal and also used for a drink. It adds flavour to maize meal.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It forms tufts. It grows 60-100 cm high. The leaf blades are flat and 1.5 cm across. The flower panicle is erect. It is dense and like a cylinder or spike. It is 1-10 cm long and 2 cm wide.

Probably now a synonym of Setaria pumila.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

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

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