

Cynodon dactylon (L.) Pers.



Habit: Herb

Description: Slender, prostrate, widely creeping, forming matted tufts, with slender erect or ascending flowering branches 7.5-30 cm high. Leaves: 2-10 cm x 1.2-3 mm, narrowly linear or lanceolate, finely acute to pungent, more or less glaucous, soft, smooth, usually conspicuously distichous in the barren shoots and at the base of the stems; sheaths tight, glabrous or hairy, sometimes bearded at the mouth; ligule a very fine ciliate rim. Inflorescence: Spikes 2-6, radiating from the top of a slender peduncle, 2.5-5 cm long, green or purplish; rachis slender, compressed or angled, scaberulous.

Taxonomy:

Kingdom	Plantae
Division	Tracheophyta
Class	Liliopsida
Order	Poales
Family	Poaceae
Genus	<i>Cynodon</i>
Species	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> (L.) Pers.

Uses: The plant has been long used in the traditional medicines to treat various ailments such as anasarca, cancer, convulsions, cough, cramps, diarrhea, dropsy, dysentery, epilepsy, headache, hemorrhage, hypertension, hysteria, measles, rubella, snakebite, sores, stones, tumors, urogenital disorders, warts and wounds.

Reference: Indian Biodiversity Portal, NCBI