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GRASSES OF ACHANAKMAR-AMARKANTAK BIOSPHERE RESERVE

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ABSTRACT : The present paper deals with the detailed taxonomic account of grasses of Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve. The family is represented by 112 species within 65 genera and occupies the first position among flowering plants. An analysis of data indicates that the genus *Eragrostis* was the largest and represented by 9 species. It was followed by *Panicum* with 6 species, *Setaria*, *Sporobolus*, and *Digitaria* with 5 species each, *Pennisetum* and *Bothriochloa* with 4 species each. The current nomenclature with short description, ecological notes, flowering and fruiting periods, distribution and economic/miscellaneous importance of grasses has been provided.

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