PLANT FACT SHEET

Phyllostachys bambusoides Siebold & Zucc.

GENUS *Phyllostachys* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Giant timber bamboo, Japanese timber bamboo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The young shoots are eaten as a vegetable. They need to be cooked in several changes of water to remove bitterness. They are also used for pickles.

DESCRIPTION

A bamboo. It grows up to 30 m tall. The culms can be 20 cm across. They are glossy dark green. The leaves are 9-20 cm long by 2-4.5 cm wide. The shoots are 45-48 cm long and 2-3 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate to subtropical plant. It suits hardiness zones 7-11. It can tolerate temperatures down to -15°C.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by division.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The plant grows for over 120 years before flowering.

NOTES

It is an important timber species.

PICTURES



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