PLANT FACT SHEET

Gigantochloa nigrociliata (Buse) Kurz

GENUS *Gigantochloa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Black fringed giant grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The young shoots are cooked and eaten. They are also pickled.

DESCRIPTION

A bamboo. It forms many tillers. It grows 3-12 m tall. The stems are green and can have white stripes. The joints are 25-50 cm long and 2-5 cm wide. The leaves have short distinct stalks. The leaves are narrowly sword shaped. The base is wedge shaped. The flowering shoot is large and without leaves. The flowers are in groups 2-7 cm apart.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the lowlands and up to 600 m above sea level in Java. In southern China it grows in tropical rain forests between 500-800 m above sea level.

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