PLANT FACT SHEET

Bambusa merrillii Gamble

GENUS *Bambusa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Merrill bamboo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The young shoots are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An erect straggling bamboo. It grows 18 m high. The stems have no spines. The leaves are small. The spikelets are densely covered with rather stiff or bristly hairs. The keels of the flowers have a prominent line of hairs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in the mountain ranges of Nueva Vizcaya about 600 m altitude in the Philippines.

NOTES

There are about 120 Bambusa species. They are tropical and subtropical in Asia.

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