PLANT FACT SHEET

Gigantochloa albociliata (Munro) Kurz

GENUS *Gigantochloa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES White-fringed gigantochloa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Vegetable

The young shoots are cooked and eaten as a vegetable. They are boiled as a vegetable and used in curries.

DESCRIPTION

A densely tufted bamboo. It grows 2-10 m tall. The stems are 2-7 cm across. It can shed its leaves during the dry season. The internodes are 20-35 cm long. There are several unequal branches at a node. The leaf blade is 15-20 cm long by 2-3 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical rainforests between 500-800 m above sea level in Yunnan in China. In Thailand it grows between 150-800 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

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