PLANT FACT SHEET

Saccharum rufipilum Steud.

GENUS *Saccharum* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Pilu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stems

The stems are chewed, mainly for moisture.

DESCRIPTION

A grass. It grows in clumps and keeps growing from year to year. The stalks are 3.5 m tall and 307 mm across. The leaf sheaths are longer than the internodes. The leaf blades can be flat or rolled and 20-60 cm long by 0.5-1.5 cm wide. The leaves have a dusty powder underneath. The flower panicle is narrowly oblong.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows on dry grassy and rocky hillsides between 1,300-2,600 m above sea level in China. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

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