PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Gigantochloa verticillata* (Willd.) Munro

**GENUS** *Gigantochloa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Whorled bamboo, Giant stripy bamboo

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Shoots

The young shoots are eaten as a vegetable. They are bitter. They are cooked.

## DESCRIPTION

A bamboo. It grows 20-40 m high. It forms many tillers. It is in dense tufts. The centre of the clump is raised above the ground and is irregular. The stems can be 25 cm thick. They have drooping tops. They are light green and have yellow stripes. The leaves are broadly sword shaped. They are 13-45 cm long by 2-7 cm wide. The internodes are 40-45 cm long.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical rainforests. It grows in the lowlands and up to 1,200 m above sea level. In Cairns Botanical Garden.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

It can be grown by rhizomes or branch stems. A spacing of 8 m is suitable.

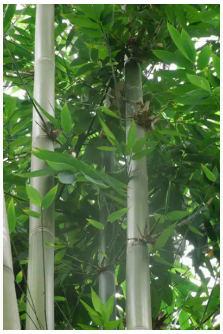
### Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows rapidly. Harvesting can start after 3 years.

## PICTURES



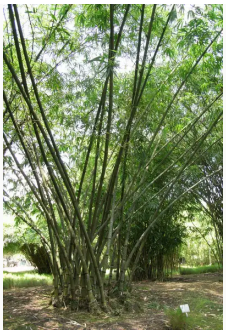
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