PLANT FACT SHEET

Bambusa beecheyana Munro

GENUS *Bambusa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Beechey bamboo, Silk-ball bamboo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The shoots are cooked and eaten. They are slightly bitter.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized bamboo. It forms clumps. It grows 5-12 m tall. The stems are 10 cm across. The tips hang down. The internodes are 34-41 cm long. They have a white powdery coating when young. There are several branches.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits hardiness zones 9-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The soil should be mounded around the new shoots to exclude light and make them blanched so that they are not bitter.

NOTES

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

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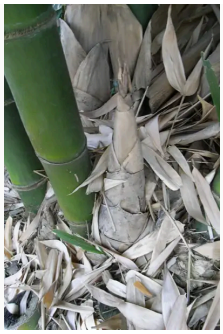

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