PLANT FACT SHEET

Gigantochloa atter (Hassk.) Kurz ex Munro

GENUS *Gigantochloa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Sweet bamboo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The young shoots are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A tall bamboo. It grows 12-22 m high. It forms many tillers. It can be green or black. The stems are 5-10 cm across. The leaves are sword shaped and narrowed at the base. The side are unequal. They are 15-30 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The flowering shoots have many branches. There are 5-15 spikelets in a group.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Java it grows in the lowlands and up to about 1,400 m above sea level. It grows on alluvial, limestone and sandy soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from sections of the rhizome or division of the clump.

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