PLANT FACT SHEET

Bambusa oldhamii Munro

GENUS *Bambusa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Oldham Bamboo, Giant timber bamboo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The young shoots can be eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A bamboo. It grows 18 m high. The culms are straight and upright. They grow in open clumps. The clumps can be 6-12 m across. The culms are 6-15 cm across. They are bright green with a white bloom. They turn yellow with age. The shoots are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. It is a cooler climate bamboo. It needs full sun. It suits hardiness zones 9-12. It will tolerate temperatures down to -7°C. In Melbourne Botanical Gardens. In Townsville Queens BG.

NOTES

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

PICTURES

Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

REFERENCES

Bircher, A. G. & Bircher, W. H., 2000, Encyclopedia of Fruit Trees and Edible Flowering Plants in Egypt and the Subtropics. AUC Press. p 53

Chew, M. & Morgan, W., 1999, Access to Asian Foods Newsletter Issue 5

Cundall, P., (ed.), 2004, Gardening Australia: flora: the gardener's bible. ABC Books. p 217

Dransfield, S. & Widjaja, EA., 1995, Plant Resources of South East Asia. PROSEA No. 7 Bamboos. Leiden. p 21

Etherington, K., & Imwold, D., (Eds), 2001, Botanica's Trees & Shrubs. The illustrated A-Z of over 8500 trees and shrubs. Random House, Australia. p 114

Facciola, S., 1998, Cornucopia 2: a Source Book of Edible Plants. Kampong Publications, p 46

Hibbert, M., 2002, The Aussie Plant Finder 2002, Florilegium. p 37

http://www.plantnames.unimelb.edu.au/sorting/Bamboos_Edible.html

Ryan, S., 2008, Dicksonia. Rare Plants Manual. Hyland House. p 83

Tanaka,

Thomson, G. & Morgan, W., (Ed.) 1999, Access to Asian Foods Newsletter, Vic Govt., Australia Issue 6

Trans. Linn. Soc. London 26:109. 1868

Wiersema, J. H. & Leon, B., 2013, World Economic Plants. A Standard Reference CRC Press. 2nd Ed. p 91

Woodward, P., 2000, Asian Herbs and Vegetables. Hyland House. p 27

World Checklist of Useful Plant Species 2020. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

PROVIDED BY **Food Plants International**

French, B.R. & Maynard, A.R. Food Plants International Database. Food Plants International

LICENCE CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

ONLINE FACT SHEET https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/976b86ef-275a-4534-8834-79721c9e9fbc