PLANT FACT SHEET

Phragmites karka (Retz.) Trin. ex Steudel

GENUS *Phragmites* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Common reed, Flute reed, Tropical Reed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The young tips of the stems can be cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large grass. It grows 1.5-3 m high. It is similar to Phragmites australis but has more narrow leaves. These are rough underneath. They end in a stiff, sharp point. The flowers are white and brown.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near creek banks and rivers. It grows in tropical and subtropical places. It is often near rivers and the edges of mangroves.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. They should be soaked for 3-4 months then sown in waterlogged soil.

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