PLANT FACT SHEET

Dendrocalamus hookeri Munro

GENUS *Dendrocalamus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Bhalu bans

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The young shoots are used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A thin walled bamboo. It is about 25 m high. The culms are 12-18 cm long and 7-10 cm wide. The culm (stem) sheath in 15-25 cm long. The sheath is broad at the base with black or brown hairs outside. The leaves have short stalks. They are 30-40 cm long. They are oblong or sword shaped. The leaves end in a twisted point. The flower is in a large compound panicle. It flowers occasionally.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 600-2000 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown by cuttings of the stem.

NOTES

There are about 29 Dendrocalamus species.

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