PLANT FACT SHEET

Gigantochloa parvifolia (Brandis ex Gamble) T. Q. Nguyen

GENUS *Gigantochloa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Seeds

The shoots are eaten as a vegetable. They are also fermented and used in chutney.
The seeds are used for making beer.
Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.

DESCRIPTION

A large bamboo. It keeps growing from year to year. The stems are about 2-7 cm across. The culm sheaths are 20-23 cm long and 20-25 cm wide. The leaves are narrowly sword shaped and 8-10 cm long by 1.2 cm wide. They are rounded at the base and twisted at the tip.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant.

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