PLANT FACT SHEET

Chimonobambusa tumidissinoda Hsueh & T. P. Yi ex D. Ohrnberger

GENUS *Chimonobambusa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese walking stick

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Vegetable

DESCRIPTION

A bamboo. It grows 3-6 m tall and spreads 6-12 m wide. It has underground stems or rhizomes by which it spreads. The leaves are willow-like. The nodes are swollen.

HABITAT

It grows naturally in south-west China in evergreen forest in the mountains. It grows between 1,600-2,900 m altitude. The temperature range is -10°C to 29°C. The annual rainfall is 1,100-1,400 mm. The soil pH is 4.5-5.5. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. It can tolerate temperatures to -12°C. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

An edible shoot weighs between 0.1-0.5 kg.

NOTES

There are about 10-40 Chimonobambusa species.

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