PLANT FACT SHEET

Bambusa tuldoides Munro

GENUS *Bambusa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Punting pole bamboo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

Shoots are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A densely tufted bamboo. The culm or stem is erect but nodding at the tip. They grow 6-10 m tall. The stems are 3-5 cm across at the base. The young stems are covered with white wax. The internodes are 30-36 cm long. The lowest 1 or 2 nodes have a ring of grey silky hairs above the sheath scar. The stems branch from the nodes. The leaf blade is sword shaped and 10-18 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. Flowering can start at 50 years of age. In China clumps usually die after flowering but in other locations plants can remain alive.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It can grow in subtropical conditions. It can tolerate frost down to -7°C. In tropical Asia it grows at low altitudes.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from rhizome and culm cuttings. Tips of shoots from a clump are cut off and replanted. Whole culms can be planted and the separate shoots chopped off.

Harvesting and Seed Production

A young fresh shoot has an average weight of 938 g before peeling and 137 g after peeling. Plants grow quickly.

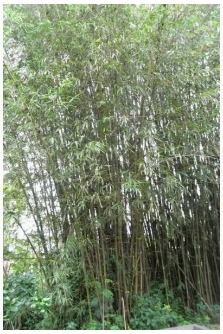
NOTES

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

PICTURES



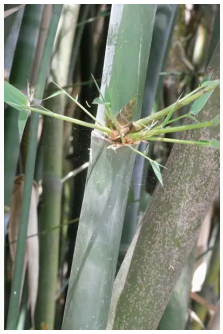
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