PLANT FACT SHEET

Chimonobambusa quadrangularis (Franceschi) Makino

GENUS *Chimonobambusa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Square-stemmed bamboo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The young shoots are peeled and boiled. They are used in stews.

DESCRIPTION

A bamboo. It can be 10 m tall. The culms have prominent nodes. Mature culms are almost square in cross section. New culms are purple. The culms are 5 cm across. There are spines which curve backwards near the base.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is hardy to -15°C. It grows between 1,000-2,000 m altitude in Japan. It does best in a moist soils and slightly shady location. It suits hardiness zones 7-10. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by division.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows for more than 100 years before flowering.

NOTES

There are about 10-40 Chimonobambusa species.

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