



PLANT FACT SHEET

Indocalamus tessellatus (Munro) Keng f.

GENUS *Indocalamus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Large-leaved bamboo, Zong ye zhu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - flavouring

Rice dishes are wrapped in or cooked in the leaves to absorb the flavour of the leaves.

DESCRIPTION

A bamboo. It grows 1-2 m tall. The stems are 4-7 mm across. The canes are thin and arch over. The internodes are 25 cm long. It has the largest leaves of any bamboo. They can be 20-60 cm long and 10 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in open forests and on mountain slopes between 300-1,400 m above sea level. It grows best in shade. It can tolerate temperatures to -18°C.

PICTURES



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