

BAMBUSA POLYMORPHA

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Poaceae

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Description

From [Bamboos of Thailand](#), Native and Introduced Species (Poaceae: Bambusoideae) — An Annotated Compilation, by D. Ohrnberger (Khun Dieter – คุณดีเตอร์)

"A large evergreen, densely tufted bamboo; sometimes leaf-shedding in dry season. Culms 16-25 m high, 8-15 cm diameter, gray to grayish-green, white scurfy when young; nodes thick, lower ones rooted; internodes 40-60 cm long. Culm-sheaths 20-25 cm long and 30-35 cm broad, persistent, broader at base and narrowed into a rounded top, covered on back with densely and closely appressed brown to dark-brown deciduous hairs; ligule narrow, irregularly dentate, ciliate; auricles two, unequal, falcate, continuous with sheath, fringed with deciduous stiff bristles; blade 6-10 cm long, reflexed, deciduous, base triangular cordate, apex acuminate, abaxial surface with brown pubescence and adaxial surface felted with dark hairs, margins ciliate. Young shoots brownish-green. Sheath light brown, or sometimes greenish or golden yellow, covered with dark brown hairs, blades greenish with dark brown hairs; lower half margin with whitish or yellowish cilia, boatshaped, at the tip of the shoot auricles biseriate, prominent, wavy, with whitish or yellowish cilia. Leaves 7-18 cm long and 1-2 cm broad, linear-lanceolate, base obliquely rounded; petiole 2-3 mm long; ligule very thin; auricle with brown bristles. ..." — K. K. Seethalakshmi & al., *Bamboos of India*, 1998: p. 70 [#1062].

Origin

THAILAND (North), native, cultivated elsewhere. — MYANMAR: native. — BANGLADESH (East), native. — INDIA (North-East), native. — Possibly also in southern China. — N. Bystriakova & al., *Bamboo Biodiversity*, 2003: map 14 [#1342].

Uses

Culms for construction and handicrafts; young shoots for food.

Common Names

References

[Bibliography of Bamboos of Thailand](#)