

Dendrocalamus asper

Dendrocalamus asper, also known as Rough Bamboo or Giant Bamboo, is a giant tropical and subtropical dense clumping species native to Southeast Asia. This timber bamboo is used as a building material for heavy construction, and shoots are consumed as a vegetable.^[1]

This bamboo variety of the *Dendrocalamus* genus grows 15–20 metres tall, and 8–12 cm in diameter. It is found commonly in India, Sri Lanka, and other neighbouring countries.^[2]

In Sri Lanka, it is known as "ගලුනා - gal una" in Sinhala.

1 Culm

Greyish green, becoming dull brown on drying. Lower nodes of young culms are covered with golden brown hairs. Young shoots are brownish black. Culms straight. Internode length is 25-60cm, diameter 3.5-15cm. Culm walls are very thick. Nodes prominent. Culm sheath is straw colored. Sheath appear large, and broad even for its size. Top of sheath is rounded, auricles small. Upper surface covered with golden brown hairs. Under surface is not hairy. Sheaths fall off early.

2 References

- [1] <http://www.guadubamboo.com/dendrocalamus-asper.html>
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