PARKER GIANT BAMBOO

Parker's Giant Bamboo, Parker's Hawaiian Giant Bamboo

Bambusa beecheyana Poaceae

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Description

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

Characteristics: Culms taller and thicker in ultimate size, height 25 m, diameter 30.5 cm; culm-internodes very thick-walled; foliage-leaves large.

Synonym: Dendrocalamus sp. 'Parker's Giant'.

Origin

THAILAND: Imported from the USA into Thailand in 2016, where the plant flowered in 2018 and died soon thereafter. No other introductions are known. — USA: First recorded in cultivation in Hawaii, now rarely cultivated elsewhere in the southern mainland of the USA.

Uses

Culms for construction. Young shoots (sweet, delicious) for food. Plants for landscaping and biomass production.

Cultivation

Easy and fast-growing; in full sun, soil sandy loam to clay loam, moisture-retentive to moist with good drainage. Frost-resistant to –3 (–4) °C. Also recorded as being resistant to storms and floods.

References

Bibliography of Bamboos of Thailand