



## Gigantochloa atter

Gigantochloa atter, also known as **Giant Atter** or **Sweet Bamboo**, is a dense tropical clumping bamboo native of Malaysia. Young shoots are consumed as a vegetable while the stems are used for making furniture and musical instruments.

### Summary

<b>Height</b>	15 - 22 m
<b>Diameter</b>	5 - 10 cm
<b>Growth Habit</b>	Dense Clumper
<b>Climate</b>	Tropical - Subtropical
<b>Hardiness</b>	-2°C
<b>Origin</b>	Malaysia

### Photos



### Culms

Large tufted woody bamboo with dark green culms of 15-22 m high and 5-10 cm in diameter. Culm internodes are thin-walled and are on average 40–50 cm long. The lower part of the culms develop aerial roots from the nodes.

### Branches

Many clustered branches at the nodes with 1 larger dominant branch.

### Leaves

Leaves are lance-shaped and are on average 20-44 cm long and 3-9 cm wide.

**Habitat**

This bamboo is found in the low land and it has been observed growing from near the coast to about 1400 m above sea level.

**Uses**

In Central Java, people call this species bambu legi which means sweet bamboo. Young shoots of this bamboo are consumed as a vegetable and as delicious as those of *Dendrocalamus asper*. The culm of this species is very useful for building material. It is also used for making musical instruments and other handicrafts.

**Origin**

This species is native of Malaysia. In Indonesia (Java and Sumatra), it is commonly cultivated in village areas.

