

***Bambusa bambos* (Indian thorny bamboo)**

Classification

Kingdom: Plantae

Clade: Tracheophytes

Clade: Angiosperm

Clade: Monocot

Clade: Commelinids

Order: Poales

Family: Poaceae

Genus: *Bambusa*

Species: *bambos*



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Trunk: The trunk is hollow, straight and smooth.

Leaf: The leaf is lance shaped with a pointed tip having dark green color with a smooth waxy coating.

Flower: The flowers are yellowish -white to purple in colour.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT

It is native to Bangladesh, India, Srilanka, South-East Asia and to the province of Yunnan in Southern China.

CULTIVATION AND USES

The leaves of *Bambusa bambos* was used for the treatment of heart problems and malaria. It is also boiled and used in bath to ease fever. Common bamboo is used for light construction. Good source of fibre for paper making. Bamboo is used for building materials as a food source and as a raw product. Depicted often in arts such as in bamboo painting.

INTERESTING FACTS

Fastest growing plant with edible shoots. It is strong and durable. It prevents soil erosion.