



Bamboo Options (Information Attached)

Bamboo is a fast-growing plant with some species reaching full maturity in just a few years once it is established. New shoots can reach their full height in 2-3. Ultimately it depends on the space and growing conditions provided.

If planted in a container, where the plant is raised up out of the warmth of the earth, add about 20°F to the listed hardiness rating.

When determining shade or sun tolerance, in general, the bigger the leaf the better it will do in shade. Thicker tougher leaves can tolerate more sun than thin delicate leaves, though these leaves will be a paler green with sun exposure. Variegated leaves require more shade than solid green leaves.

- What are you trying to achieve with Bamboo?
 - What is your maximum height requirement?
 - What is your minimum height requirement?
 - What is the exposure in the area where the Bamboo will be planted?
 - What are the soil conditions on your property?
 - What is your plan for watering?
 - Are there any surrounding structures that need to be considered?
 - How much space do you have for planting? Length, width, and depth should all be considered. (*spacing recommendations found in 'Caring for, Controlling & Planting' brochure*)
 - Are there any tall trees that will shade or impede the Bamboo?
 - Are you aware of the maintenance and control requirements of Bamboo outlined in '*Caring for, Controlling & Planting*'?
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**Black Bamboo has officially begun flowering. Black Bamboo will not be available for an estimated five+ years until new seedlings make their way back into the market.*

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Mid-Size Bamboo

1-2 Story Evergreen Screens • Architectural Specimen • Patio Plant

10-25 Feet Tall / Prefers Half-Day to Full Sun / Needs To Be Contained

(ETA – late Summer 2024)

***Pseudosasa japonica* ARROW**

Typical Height: 10'-15' Maximum Diameter: 3/4" Full shade to full sun. Hardy to 0°F

Long, attractive leaves. Culms retain tan sheaths for striped effect. Looks best in shade but tolerates full sun. Popular in commercial plantings between tall buildings. Nice contrast to small-leaved plants. Grows taller in sun.

***Phyllostachys bissettii* BISSETTS**

Typical Height: 20'-25' Maximum Diameter: 1 1/2" Full to part sun. Hardy to -10°F

Excellent for mid-size hedge with upright culms and dense leaves. Maintains dark green color throughout the year.

***Phyllostachys aurea* GOLDEN – Available Spring 2025**

Typical Height: 13'-18' Maximum Diameter: 1 3/4" Full to part sun. Hardy to 0°F

Excellent for mid-size hedge with dense leaves. Also, a good choice for containers. Canes very straight with nodes spaced at uneven intervals near base; this effect becomes more and more decorative as maturity and thinning encourages larger diameter culms. Leaves turn a lighter brighter green and culms become yellow in direct sunlight.

***Phyllostachys aureosulcata* 'Aureocaulis' GOLDEN CROOKSTEM**

Typical Height: 20'-25' Maximum Culm Diameter: 1 1/2" Full to part sun. Hardy to -10°F

New canes have a deep rose hue that remains for some time and then turn deep gold with sufficient sun. An occasional zigzag in the lower culms just adds to the wow factor. The yellow culms are a bold contrast to thick dark green foliage.

***Phyllostachys aurea* 'Holochrysa' GOLDEN GOLDEN – Available Spring 2025**

Typical Height: 13'-18' Maximum Diameter: 1 3/4" Full to part sun. Hardy to 0°F

Like but slower spreading than Golden Bamboo. Yellow culms turn to golden orange. Leaves have cream stripes. Use as attention-grabber or a hedge. Absolutely lovely in pots near the house where it can be appreciated close at hand.

***Semiarundinaria fastuosa* 'Viridis' GREEN FASTUOSA**

Typical Height: 15-18' Maximum Diameter: 1 1/2" Full sun. Hardy to -5°F

Green form is lightly shorter than Red Fastuosa. An excellent choice for an upright dark green hedge.

***Phyllostachys Nigra* 'Hale' Hale (East Coast Plants- No sign of flowering)**

Typical Height: 20'-30' Maximum Diameter: 2" Sun or Shade. Hardy to -5°F

A smaller, hardier selection of Black Bamboo that turns black sooner than its counterpart. Resistant to leaf burn.

***Phyllostachys aureosulcata* YELLOW GROOVE**

Typical Height: 25'-35' Maximum Diameter: 1 1/2" Full to part sun. Hardy to -10°F

Vigorous and leafy. Named for yellow stripe in sulcus/groove. Some culms zigzag near base. Tolerates coastal, salt laden air. Good choice for cold winter, hot summer area; popular in eastern Washington. Shoots early.

***Phyllostachys aureosulcata* 'Spectabilis' SPECTABILIS**

Typical Height: 20'-25' Maximum Diameter: 1 1/2" Full to part sun. Hardy to -10°F

Eye-catching yellow culms with a green groove are spectacular. Zigzags and shoots early like all the aureosulcatas.

Dwarf/Groundcover Bamboo

Weed-Suppressing Groundcover • Evergreen Hedge • Erosion Control
Less Than 12' Tall / Most Prefer Filtered Light/Afternoon Shade / Needs To Be Contained

Pleioblastus viridistriatus VIRIDISTRIATUS or DWARF GREENSTRIPE

Typical Seattle Height: 2-4' Part shade to AM sun. Hardy to 0°F

New leaves, velvety on the underside, are bright chartreuse with dark green stripes. Leaves mature to lime green in summer. Can be yellow when exposed to nearly too much light. Semi-deciduous in cooler microclimates, so cut to the ground in March or April and new growth quickly returns bright and lush.

Pleioblastus distichus Dwarf Fernleaf

Typical Seattle Height: 1-3' Part shade to part sun. Hardy to 0°F

Tiniest of all bamboo. Dark green leaves in an attractive fern or palm like array. Spreads slowly in heavy soil but can fill in very quickly in moist garden soil. Clip or mow in early spring to keep tidy. Good choice for bonsai or groundcover.

Sasaella masamuneana -Non-Variegated and Variegated 'Albostriata'

Typical Seattle Height: 3-4' Part shade to part sun. Hardy to 0°F

Glossy new leaves are strikingly variegated with both broad and narrow stripes of cream. Some leaves are completely green. Clip back to 2-4 inches tall in early spring for best appearance. Spreads rapidly. One of the most sun tolerant shade loving dwarf bamboo varieties. Very attractive in containers or performs well as weed-suppressing groundcover.

Pleioblastus pygmaeus PYGMY

Typical Seattle Height: 1'-2' Part shade. Hardy to -5°F

Low growing, evergreen filler plants. Pygmy bamboo in a container is a quick and easy way to fill in around other plants and containers. It is also an inexpensive solution to quickly fill in large areas. It is like Ramosa and often sold interchangeably.

Timber Bamboo

2-3 Story Evergreen Screens • Architectural Specimen • Exotic Grove
Up To 50' Tall / Requires Full Sun for Full Potential / Needs to Be Contained

Phyllostachys rubromarginata RUBRO

Typical height 30-40' Maximum diameter 2.5". Full sun. Hardy to -5°F.

Eye-catching, shiny green culms with long internodes (sections between the node ridges). Provides lovely effects for tall contemporary buildings. Sheaths protecting the new culms have reddish margins, giving this bamboo its name. Dried canes are strong and split well, making it popular for construction. Young shoots are good to eat after parboiled.

Clumping Bamboo

Easy in Containers • Beneath Limbed-up Trees
5-20 Feet Tall Depending on the Species
Choices Available for Sun or Shade

Borinda macclureana BORINDA

Typical height 18-20ft. D 1in. Part shade. Hardy to 10°F.

Proven to be fairly cold hard in the NW with large, lush foliage. It grows tall but is tightly clumping with gentle arching culms.

Fargesia robusta ROBUSTA

Typical height 12-15ft. D 3/4in. Part shade to part sun. Hardy to 5°F.

The new culms are a bright rich green with a contrasting light tan sheath. Grows reasonably upright making it ideal for a focal point or a screen. Tolerates full sun here if planted in loamy soil with regular water and not close to a wall. If planted with adequate sunlight, soil, and care, you can expect a growth rate of approximately 1/3 in height and density every year.

Fargesia species 'Rufa' RUFA

Typical height 6-8ft. D 1/2in. Part shade to part sun. Hardy to -5°F.

This shorter clump habit bamboo is great for a screen with its vase-shaped somewhat arching habit. New culm sheaths of orange/red create a novel accent. Tolerates full sun if planted in loamy soil with regular water and not close to a wall. If planted with adequate sunlight, soil, and care, the average growth rate annually is approximately 1'-3'.

Fargesia species 'Scabrida' SCABRIDA

Typical height 10-12ft. D 3/4 in. Part shade to part sun. Hardy to -5°F.

This hardy, upright and robust plant has new culm sheaths of orange that gradually fall off revealing beautiful blue and lavender which eventually age to an olive green. The leaves are longer than the Rufa and the Robusta and handles more direct sun than most other Fargesia. If planted with adequate sunlight, soil, and care, the average growth rate annually is approximately 1'-3'.

Clumping bamboo tends to grow narrow at the base and weep at the top. "Clumpers" will spread but at a much slower rate than the "Runners". Clumping bamboo takes anywhere from 4-6+ years to reach full maturity. They will form a tight clump that can expand up to 8 feet in diameter but can be reduced by growing them in the shade.

It is recommended that Clumping bamboo is planted in areas where space is not restricted. We do not recommend planting Clumping Bamboo near a foundation or concrete driveway. It is difficult to control in tight spaces due to the way the rhizomes form underground. They are persistent and will force their way through any obstacles.

Clumping Bamboo is easy to grow in containers and doesn't need to be divided as often as 'runners' if the container is adequate in size. Keep in mind that most clumpers prefer cool moist roots.

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