

<p>Phyllostachys aureosulcata var. Spectabilis</p> <p>Spreads in dry soil 3m – 6m x 4m – 5m</p>	<p>A stunning bamboo with thick bright yellow canes with dark green grooves. Occasionally some stems grow in a zig zag pattern. Tall and upright with bright green narrow leaves.</p> <p>Plant in full sun or partial shade.</p>
<p>Phyllostachys nigra</p> <p>Restrained spread 2m – 3m x 4m</p>	<p>The black bamboo will grow to over 4m but does not spread aggressively. The thick shiny canes start off green but then mature to jet black, providing a superb contrast to the vivid green leaves. Particularly effective against a pale background.</p>

<p>Phyllostachys vivax f. aureocaulis</p> <p>Spreading 8m (+) x 8m</p>	<p>Very tall and vigorous, up to 8m in height. Bright yellow canes which seem to glow when backlit by the sun. Large green leaves.</p> <p>Can be contained.</p>
<p>Phyllostachys bisetii</p> <p>Clump forming but spreads indefinitely. 6m (+) x 5 m</p>	<p>Dark green stems in a vigorous and fast growing dense clump. Good for screening.</p> <p>Best in partial shade and a moist soil.</p>

If you require any further information, please ask our outdoor plant advisors who will be very happy to help.

Opening Times

Monday – Saturday: 9am – 6pm
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Bamboo



Care & Advice Sheet

No. 8

Bamboos have many uses including specimen plants that provide contrast and height with vertical lines in mixed borders and containers. They can also introduce sound and movement, be used as evergreen hedges and screens and ground cover.

Site

Bamboos thrive in moist but well drained soil. If it is too dry additional watering will be required in dry spells. If waterlogged the plant could die. Shelter from wind will prevent the leaves from burning during the winter and drying out in the summer.

They can be grown in sun or shade but varieties with coloured canes or leaves will be brighter in sun.

Control

Bamboos that spread underground can be contained using a shallow but strong physical barrier. A thick plastic pot with the bottom cut off, pond liner or four slabs pushed vertically into the soil around the root ball will do a good job of this

Planting

Prepare the soil well, dig a hole at least twice as big as the container. Add lots of multi-purpose compost. Make sure the planting hole isn't dry, place the plant in the hole, fill around with a mixture of soil and compost and firm in. Keep new plants moist until established and water in spring and summer to increase vigour.

Containers

Do not allow to dry out at any time. Use a 50:50 mixture of Multi Purpose Compost and John Innes Compost No.3. Feed with Osmocote and top up with liquid feed as new canes emerge. The life of a bamboo in a container can be extended by regular re-potting and/or dividing.

Pruning

Removal of old canes, leaves and side shoots can help to keep a bamboo looking fresh. Trim smaller species in March. Reduce the height and thin out canes on taller species as new shoots emerge in spring.

Popular Varieties	
Fargesia dracocephala Clump forming 1m x 2.5m	This produces a compact and tidy vase shaped clump ideal for containers. It has small dark green leaves on yellow stems. Tolerates full sun.
Fargesia murielae Clump forming 1.5m x 4m	Slow growing and graceful with arching light green canes, and apple green leaves. Best in sheltered partial shade.
'Bimbo' (1m x 1m)	Small and compact with yellow-green stems. Good in containers.
'Simba' (1m x 2m)	Compact with arching canes. Suitable for containers.
'Jumbo' (1.5m x 3m)	Taller than the other varieties this quickly forms a dense clump and is good for hedging. Hardy and robust.

Fargesia rufa Clump forming 2 x 2m	Masses of small leaves on slim orange/green stems. Very hardy and shade tolerant.
Fargesia robusta Clump forming 1.5 x 4m	Upright, with straight dark green canes and glossy leaves. Good in shade.
Pleioblastus shibayanus 'Tsuboi' Spreading 1m (+) x 1.5m	Dense foliage with bright variegated leaves. Good for ground cover. Suitable for sun or shade. Spreading growth can be controlled using a barrier.
Pseudosasa japonica Spreading 8m (+) x 3m – 6m	Large, vigorous, evergreen bamboo with substantial green canes that mature to yellow. Plant in partial shade with a moist soil. Best protected from drying winds.