



# Information Sheet: Bamboo

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Bamboos are giant long-lived grasses. They are adaptable and will grow in most soils. They do best in full sun or part shade and like regular water. Clumping types can be planted in the ground, while running bamboos are excellent in containers or controlled with a root barrier system. Species listed here are **clumping varieties** only.

## Bambusa multiplex Alphonse Karr - Hedge Bamboo Alphonse Karr

A highly ornamental bamboo with green and yellow striped stems. Popular screen. 5-6 metres.

## Bambusa ventricosa - Buddha's Belly Bamboo

A highly ornamental bamboo with swollen internodes shaped like Buddha's belly. Can be kept small in a tub (or planted in the ground it may reach 6-10 metres). Ideal tall screen.

## Bambusa vulgaris Wamin - Wamin Bamboo

Dwarf bamboo with compressed and swollen internodes, reaching 5-6 metres tall. Interesting feature plant.

## Bambusa vulgaris Vittata - Painted Bamboo

An ornamental bamboo suitable for a larger area, can reach up to 10-12 metres.

## Bambusa textilis var gracilis - Slender Weavers Bamboo

Delightful, slightly weeping bamboo. Lovely specimen plant. Grows to 6-8 metres.

## Drepanostachyum falcatum - Himalayan Weeping/Blue Bamboo

A delicate weeping bamboo with fine stems. Good for screens and pots. Grows to 3-4 metres.

## Drepanostachyum khasianum - Purple Jade / Khasia Bamboo

A beautiful ornamental clumping bamboo (fine stems) for sheltered position, green culms with striking purple nodes. 3-5 metres.

## Himalayacalamus Porcatus - Nepalese Blue Bamboo

A graceful ornamental clumping bamboo with beautiful glaucous blue culms. Makes a great screen. 3-5 metres.

BAMBOO NAME	COMMON NAME	GROWS
Bambusa lako	Timor Black Bamboo	12m+
Bambusa multiplex Alphonse Karr	Hedge Bamboo Alphonse Karr	5 - 6 m
Bambusa ventricosa	Buddha's Belly Bamboo	6 - 10 m
Bambusa vulgaris 'Wamin'	Wamin Bamboo	5 - 6 m
Bambusa vulgaris 'Vittata'	Painted Bamboo	10 - 12 m
Bambusa textiles 'Gracilis'	Slender Weavers Bamboo	6 - 8 m
Drepanostachyum falcatum	Himalayan Weeping / Blue Bamboo	3 - 4 m
Drepanostachyum khasianum	Purple Jade / Khasia Bamboo	3 - 5 m
Himalayacalamus Porcatus	Nepalese Blue Bamboo	3 - 5 m
Thysanolaena maxima	Tiger Grass	3 - 4 m