

BAMBOO CULTIVARS

Bamboo is in the grass family. There are 128 types (genera) of true bamboos worldwide!

Clumping Bamboo

Clumping bamboos are fast growing and can be planted directly in the ground without risk of invasive spread.

Fargesia rufa (semi-evergreen, perennial)

Hardiness: Zone 5, -20°F

Mature size: 6 to 10 ft. tall, 6 to 8 ft. wide

Growing conditions: Afternoon shade; moist, well-drained, organically rich soil

Spreading Bamboos

Spreading bamboos can make excellent screens, but be aware that they create clones via root and may spread horizontally until a barrier stops them. They can become invasive if not grown in a contained area.

Phyllostachys nigra (semi-evergreen, perennial)

Hardiness: Zone 7, 0°F

Mature size: 15 to 20 ft. tall

Growing conditions: Full sun to part shade; moist, well-drained, organically rich soil. **May not survive winter outdoors in containers due to borderline hardiness.**

Phyllostachys aureosulcata f. *spectabilis* (semi-evergreen, perennial)

Hardiness: Zone 5, -20°F

Mature size: 15 to 25 ft. tall

Growing conditions: Full sun to part shade; moist, well-drained, organically rich soil

Pseudosasa japonica cultivars (semi-evergreen, perennial)

Hardiness: Zone 6 or 7, -10°F or 0°F (varies by cultivar)

Mature size: 1 to 6 ft. tall, varies by cultivar

Growing conditions: Full sun to part shade; moist, well-drained, organically rich soil