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Bamboo

Bamboos are a highly diverse plant group. The characteristics of each vary in size, growth habit, sun tolerance, soil moisture needs and heat/cold temperature tolerance. They are a fascinating plant that can be used as screens, accents and container plants. The following list are some of the varieties we stock, though it changes frequently depending on grower availabilities. For further descriptions go to two of our local wholesale suppliers websites: [Suncrest Nursery](#) and [Monterey Bay Nursery](#). We would be happy to special order any that are not currently in stock to suit your climate and garden needs.

Bambusa multiplex 'Alphonse Karr'

Has beautiful pink stems in new growth, these changing gradually to gold or light orange with dark green stripes.

- Max Height: 35 ft
- Max Diameter: 1 ½"
- Minimum Temperature: 12 degrees F
- Light: Full Sun to Full Shade
- Growth Habit: Clumping

Bambusa multiplex 'Fernleaf'

Dense, compact, arching growth with fine textured foliage and congested clusters of leaves.

- Max Height: 20 ft
- Max Diameter: ½"
- Minimum Temperature: 12 degrees
- Light: Full Sun to Part Shade
- Growth Habit: Clumping

Bambusa multiplex 'Golden Goddess'

Is similar though usually smaller growing, with yellow stems and dense brushes of leaves.

- Max Height: 10 ft
- Max Diameter: ½"
- Minimum Temperature: 12 degrees
- Light: Full Sun to Part Shade
- Growth Habit: Clumping

Bambusa multiplex 'Silverstripe'

Is more open in habit, more vigorous and ultimately larger. The stems follow a distinctly zigzag path and bear open sprays of cream-variegated leaves.

- Max Height: 45 ft
- Max Diameter: 1 ½"
- Minimum Temperature: 12 degrees
- Light: Full Sun to Part Shade
- Growth Habit: Clumping Very Vigorous

Drepanostachyum hookerianum 'Candy Stripe Bamboo'

The new culms are dark green with both pink and yellowish stripes, as well as pinkish bracts. Against these are set billowy masses of velvety deep green leaves. Some leaves have a few narrow cream-yellow stripes, but this feature seems to come and go.

- Max Height: 30 ft
- Max Diameter: 2"
- Minimum Temperature: 26 degrees
- Light: Part Shade
- Growth Habit: Clumping

Fargesia nitida 'Blue Fountain Bamboo'

It makes close thickets of exceptionally slender purplish stems. Narrow leaves, colored dark green above and bright bluish green beneath, are presented in lacy, open sprays. Adaptable to containers as well as to protected spots in the open garden. Too much sun, heat or drought causes the leaves to curl.

- Max Height: 6-12 ft
- Max Diameter: ½"
- Minimum Temperature: 12 degrees
- Light: Part to Full Shade, Protect from Hot Winds
- Growth Habit: Clumping

Himalayacalamus asper (Neomicrocalamus)

It forms well-behaved, many-stemmed clumps. The stems are slender and heavily tinged with red when mature. The branches are open and airy, making a lacy presentation of narrow, deep green leaves.

- Max Height: 15-20 ft
- Max Diameter: ¾"
- Minimum Temperature: 15 degrees, Protect from Wind
- Light: Part Shade
- Growth Habit: Clumping

Himilayacalamus falconen 'Damarapa' (aka Drepanostachyum falconeri 'Damarapa')

It has slender arching green stems and open sprays of narrow, nearly sickle-shaped, bright green leaves.

- Max Height: 30 ft
- Max Diameter: 1 3/8"
- Minimum Temperature: 20-25 degrees
- Light: Part Shade
- Growth Habit: Clumping

Himilayacalamus hookerianus 'Teague's Blue' 'Baby Blue'(aka Drepanostachyum falcatum)

Blue bamboo. With smooth, openly branched culms, colored a stunning, nearly turquoise shade when young. They are also marked with purplish bands above and below each node. The leaves are long and rich, dark bluish green in color.

- Max Height: 23 ft
- Max Diameter: 1 ¼"
- Minimum Temperature: 15 degrees
- Light: Part Shade
- Growth Habit: Clumping

Otatea acuminata ssp. Aztecorum

Mexican Weeping Bamboo. They are widely branched and carry a thin veil of very narrow, bright green leaves.

- Max Height: 20 ft
- Max Diameter: 1 ½"
- Minimum Temperature: 22 degrees
- Light: Sun or Part Shade
- Growth Habit: Clumping

Phyllostachys aurea 'Golden Bamboo'

The typical form makes impenetrable thickets—wonderful for barriers and giant hedges. They are bright green when young but gradually change to a gold.

- Max Height: 27 ft
- Max Diameter: 1 ¾"
- Minimum Temperature: 0 degrees
- Light: Full to Part Sun
- Growth Habit: Running

Phyllostachys nigra

Black bamboo. It forms large thickets of stems, each green when young, becoming polished and nearly black in age.

- Max Height: 55 ft
- Max Diameter: 3 ¼"
- Minimum Temperature: 0 degrees
- Light: Sun to part Sun
- Growth Habit: Clumping

Thamnocalamus aristatus

This is an unusual clumping bamboo, making erect, narrow thickets. The stems are slender and openly branched. The lower stems are exposed and show close-lying, pale bracts against a light green background. They take on an attractive reddish cast in the sun. The upper portions display sprays of dark, narrow leaves.

- Max Height: 20 ft
- Max Diameter: ¾"
- Minimum Temperature: 0 degrees
- Light: Part Shade
- Growth Habit: Tight Clumping