

Some of our favorite bamboos

The following are all **clumping (non-running) bamboos**. Arranged in order of height.

Bambusa species and varieties. Quite variable as to size, density of clumps.			
Eddie Gaedel	Bambusa multiplex 'Eddie Gaedel'	6' to 10'	Narrow, upright, tight clumper. Golden-striped culms, lush leaves.
Alphonse Karr	Bambusa multiplex 'Alphonse Karr' (B. multiplex 'Midori Green' is a green-culm variation)	12' to 15'	Slightly spreading tight clumper. Golden-striped culms, yellowish-green small leaves.
Buddha's Belly	Bambusa ventricosa (B. ventricosa 'Kimmei' has gold-striped culms.)	15' to 25'	Outward-spreading, zig-zag branches, very dense. Very fast, effective screen. Large, thick culms, deep green leaves.
Weaver's bamboo	Bambusa textilis (B. textilis 'Gracilis' has narrower canes and doesn't get quite as tall.)	25'+	Very upright, tall, graceful; tight clump. More culm than foliage at eye level. Thin-walled culms. One of the nicest large bamboos for a normal yard.
Punting pole bamboo	Bambusa tuldoidea	25'+	Very similar to B. textilis. Thick-walled culms.
Giant timber bamboo	Bambusa oldhami	35'+	The tallest clumper with the biggest culms that we grow here. Large, lush leaves may show some burn in winter. Dramatic landscape plant.
A unique clumping bamboo to grow as a large specimen:			
Mexican weeping bamboo	Otatea acuminata ssp. aztecorum	20'+	Large, open clumper with culms that sprawl outward. Very soft foliage looks best with afternoon shade. Clump can get to 15' across.

The following are **running bamboos** sometimes used for screening. Need to be confined! A livestock trough is a good option. Can be kept in an oak barrel for years so long as rhizomes are pruned when they try to escape. Barriers installed at soil level do work but must be monitored.

Temple bamboo	Semiarundinaria fastuosa	10 – 25' +	Slow spreader, manageable. Very erect culms with short branches form a narrow wall of columns of foliage.
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Phyllostachys species and varieties are all runners. Listed alphabetically by botanical name. Can be used somewhat interchangeably. Fast spreaders make a see-through effect. Mostly variable as to color of the culm, density, and ultimate height.

Golden bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>	Golden culms. The most widely planted running bamboo.	25'+
Yellow groove bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys aureosulcata</i>	Golden, slender culms make a very graceful plant. One of the nicest for a container screen.	30'+
Castillon bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys bambusoides</i> 'Castillon Inversa'	Culms green with yellow grooves.	30'+
Holochrysa timber bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys bambusoides</i> 'Holochrysa'	Bright golden culms are very pretty. Considered less vigorously spreading than others of this species.	30'+
Bisset's bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys bissettii</i>	Very dense growth, with dark green culms. A shorter type.	20'+
Beautiful Bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys decora</i> (syn. <i>P. mannii</i> 'Decora')	Culm sheaths and new shoots are colorfully striped. Very dense, but with slender stems that make a very leafy screen.	25'+
Black bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys nigra</i>	Culms turn shiny black in second year. Open habit, see-through grove. Leaves may burn on tips and edges due to heat, salts in water.	20 – 30'+
Leopard-skin bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys nigra</i> 'Bory'	Culms are mottled, grow taller than <i>P. nigra</i> .	35'+
Robert Young bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys viridis</i> 'Robert Young'	Beautiful golden canes with an occasional green stripe. A very pretty landscape or screening plant.	35'+
Golden Vivax bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys vivax</i> 'Aureocaulis'	Bright golden culms have narrow green stripes that look painted on. Very pretty, ultimately very tall.	40'+
Some other available species:			
Stone bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys angusta</i>	A short-growing member of this genus.	25'
Sweetshoot bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys dulcis</i>	Arching culms, good shoots for eating.	40'+
Meyer's bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys meyeri</i>	Like Golden bamboo, but taller.	30'+
Nude sheath bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys nuda</i>	Dark green culms have a white ring at the node.	30'+
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