

Nandina domestica

(Nandina, Heavenly Bamboo)

Heavenly bamboo is an upright broadleaf evergreen shrub from China and Japan. It is a clump-forming plant produces open cane-like branches topped with airy compound leaves that are blue-green in color and leathery in texture. Leaves are often bright copper-red as they emerge and a burnished red color in winter. In summer, white panicles of small star-shaped flowers appear followed by clusters of round red berries that persist into winter. Berries are eaten by a variety of birds. Heavenly bamboo prefers some shade but can tolerate sun. Nandina spreads slowly by underground stems, providing attractive clumps for entryways, containers, or as specimen plantings in a ground cover. Nandina is a low maintenance shrub, requiring only one pruning each year to control plant height, if needed. The dwarf varieties do not flower and fruit, they do produce vividly-colored fall foliage and can be used as a ground cover.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Bambou sacré, Bambou céleste

Pronunciation: nan-DEE-nuh doe-MESS-stick-kuh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: China, Japan

Heat Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Mass Planting, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Bipinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Waxy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green, Red, Purple

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part

Management

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Scales

Plant Propagations: Seed, Layering

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Fruit Image



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