

## 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.

#### 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

Plant Image

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Flower Image

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## 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

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### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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### 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

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Part

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#### 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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