

Phyllostachys ventricosa

(Buddha's belly bamboo)

Bambusa ventricosa is a species of clumping bamboo widely used for the bulbous and ornamental culms and often used as bonsai. The stem of the bamboo grows with short fattened culms which gives the name of the plant.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Bambou ventre de bouddha

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: China

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11

Uses: Screen, Bonsai, Espalier, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years

Notes

It is advisable to plant them in a large pot because they can die if the root ball is allowed to dry out.

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Leathery, Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Green

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Rough Texture, Colored

Fruit

Fruit Type: Schizocarp

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring

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Bark Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites

Plant Propagations: Division

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