

Phyllostachys nigra

(Black Bamboo)

Phyllostachys nigra or black bamboo is a large, elegant evergreen very fast growing herbaceous plant originating from Southern China. This plant is mainly used as a border or as a specimen plant, and is mostly favored in wet areas. The Bamboo has an ability of reaching higher than 5 meters, and can really have an impact when used as a specimen in the landscape. This bamboo's arching canes, green at first become blackish-brown with maturity. The plant develops underground rhizomes, which in return are responsible for developing the upright stems.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Bambou

Pronunciation: fy-lo-STAK-iss

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Southern China

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

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

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

Notes

For best results, cut back after flowering

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Rough, Glossy, Coarse

Leaf Scent:

Color(growing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

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Bark Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: High

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Division

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