

# Timber Bamboo 2010 Plant List

2-3 Story Evergreen Screen • Architectural Specimen • Exotic Grove

Up To 50 Feet Tall

Requires Full Sun for Full Size Potential

Needs To Be Contained



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## ***Phyllostachys bambusoides* JAPANESE TIMBER**

Typical height 30-50ft. Maximum diameter 4 in. Full sun. Hardy to 5°F.

Potential for being the tallest bamboo with the largest diameter in the world. However, in the Pacific NW it has been surpassed by Vivax for height and diameter and is slower to establish. Prefers a warm location and suffers from shade more than other timbers. Culms and leaves are a rich green. Harvestable 1-2 inch culms are possible within 5-10 years. New culms appear during July or August making it the latest to shoot locally. Dried canes are very strong for craftwork.

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## ***Phyllostachys bambusoides* 'Castillon' CASTILLON**

Typical height 15-25ft. Maximum diameter 2.5 in. Full sun. Hardy to 10°F.

This variety of Japanese Timber has golden-yellow culms, accented with a green groove and occasional green stripes. Some leaves sport a cream pin-stripe. New culms often have a rosy blush that turns to yellow. An excellent ornamental bamboo that sets off a dark building or other evergreens. Limited supply.

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## ***Phyllostachys bambusoides* 'All Gold' ALL GOLD**

Typical height 15-25ft. Maximum diameter 2.5 in. Full sun. Hardy to 10°F.

Head-turning rich yellow culms appear almost luminous on a gray winter day. Appreciates a warm location and full, full sun. Leaves have a variable variegation, everything from solid dark green to thin white stripes to broad golden streaks. A collector's plant. Limited supply.

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*A note about that timber look: Mature culms do not have lower branches. The bare cane with foliage on the top half is many people's ideal of bamboo. To achieve this look with younger plants, it is perfectly okay to trim off the lower branches and, if desired, cut off the wispy tip of each culm.*

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## ***Phyllostachys heterocycla* var. *pubescens*, or *P. edulis* MOSO**

Typical height 20-35ft. Maximum diameter 3-4in. Full/part sun. Hardy to 5°F.

Beautiful layers of translucent feather-like foliage. New culms velvety soft to the touch. Slow to reach mature size in cool climates. Appreciates moist soil and summer heat. Widely cultivated in asia for shoots and timber. Limited supply.

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## ***Phyllostachys nigra* 'Bory' BORY or LEOPARD PRINT**

Typical height 30-50ft. Maximum diameter 3.5in. Full/part sun. Hardy to -5°F.

Seasoned culms develop dark to medium brown blotches on light green for an unusual effect. Cut and dried canes are wonderful for craft work due to this coloration and wood-like strength. Leaves are small like Black bamboo.

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***Phyllostachys nigra 'Henon'* HENON**

Typical height 30-50ft. Maximum diameter 3.5in. Full/part sun. Hardy to -5°F.

Small leaves like Black Bamboo, however the green culms remain green with a distinctive white ring below the node. New culms are coated with an appealing white powdery wax. Cut and dried canes are popular for construction and craft work due to their thick walls. New shoots are tasty if picked <12" tall and boiled.

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***Phyllostachys nigra 'Megurochiku'* MEGUROCHIKU**

Typical height 30-50ft. Maximum diameter 3.5in. Full/part sun. Hardy to 0°F.

Small leaves like Black bamboo, however the green culms remain green with a brown sulcus (groove) stripe on alternating sides. Like Henon bamboo the dried canes are popular for construction and craft work due to their thick walls. Very popular in the Seattle area. Our two groves display the difference pruning and thinning techniques can achieve.

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***Phyllostachys rubromarginata* RUBRO**

Typical height 30-40' Maximum diameter 2.5". Full sun. Hardy to -5°F.

Eye-catching, shiny green culms with long internodes (sections between the node ridges). Provides lovely effect for tall contemporary buildings. Sheaths protecting the new culms have reddish margins, giving this bamboo its name. Dried canes are strong and split well, making it popular for construction. Young shoots are good to eat after parboiled.

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***Phyllostachys viridis 'Robert Young'* ROBERT YOUNG**

Typical height 20-30' Maximum diameter 2". Full sun. Hardy to 5°F.

Yellowish-green culms, slightly rough to the touch, have a longitudinal pin-stripe of green in variable widths. The amount of stripes is unpredictable. These canes age to an old-gold color and retain the green stripes. Their arching nature makes a lovely second-story screen. Culms are of high quality for construction and craftwork. Culm-wood splits nicely for use in weaving. Slow to spread in the Pacific Northwest. Looks very striking inter-planted with Black Bamboo.

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***Phyllostachys vivax* VIVAX**

Typical height 40-50' Maximum diameter 4-5". Full sun. Hardy to -5°F.

Popular for large culms, striking appearance and big yummy shoots. With adequate space and lots of sun, it grows taller and larger more quickly than other bamboo in the Pacific Northwest. Spreads rapidly. Culm walls are thinner than other large timber bamboo so it is inferior for construction. Culms may break in heavy rain or snow, but are readily replaced the following spring. Leaves are slightly larger than many other timber bamboo giving it a slightly tropical look.

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***Phyllostachys vivax 'Aureocaulis'* VIVAX AUREOCAULIS or GOLD VIVAX**

Typical height 35-50' Maximum diameter 3-4". Full sun. Hardy to -5°F.

Very attractive yellow culms with leaves slightly larger than many other timber bamboo, giving it an exotic look. Like green Vivax, it spreads so rapidly and culm walls are thin, so it is not as strong for construction or in violent storms. Mature groves have been known to give passersby whiplash as they stop to stare in awe.

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# Mid-Size Timber Bamboo 2010 Plant List

1-2 Story Evergreen Screen • Architectural Specimen • Patio Plant

10-25 Feet Tall

Prefers Half-Day to Full Sun

Needs To Be Contained



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## ***Phyllostachys aurea* GOLDEN**

Typical Height: 13'-15' Maximum Diameter: 1 3/4" Full to part sun. Hardy to 0°F

Excellent for mid-size hedge with dense leaves. Also good choice for containers. Canes very straight with nodes spaced at uneven intervals near base; this effect becomes more and more decorative as maturity and thinning encourages larger diameter culms. Leaves turn a lighter brighter green and culms become yellow in direct sunlight.

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## ***Phyllostachys aurea* 'Holochrysa' GOLDEN GOLDEN**

Typical Height: 13'-15' Maximum Diameter: 1 3/4" Full to part sun. Hardy to 0°F

Similar to but slower spreading than Golden Bamboo. Yellow culms turn to golden-orange. Leaves have cream stripes. Use as attention-grabber or a hedge. Absolutely lovely in pots near the house where it can be appreciated close at hand.

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## ***Phyllostachys aurea* 'Koi' KOI**

Typical Height: 13'-15' Maximum Diameter: 1 3/4" Full to part sun. Hardy to 0°F

A special and less common form of Golden Bamboo with a culm of pale to rich yellow and sulcus/groove of contrasting green. Variegated leaves appear as if a painter dabbed creamy white stripes with exquisite randomness.

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*A note about hardiness: Bamboo plants are hardy & evergreen, but if placed in stressful conditions or when temperatures approach the killing temperature, leaves can drop and branches may die back. Wind, drought, root-bound roots, or hard frosts(especially after a warm spell) all cause stress.*

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## ***Phyllostachys aureosulcata* YELLOW GROOVE**

Typical Height: 25'-35' Maximum Diameter: 1 1/2" Full to part sun. Hardy to -10°F

Vigorous and leafy. Named for yellow stripe in sulcus/groove. Some culms zig-zag near base. Tolerates coastal, salt laden air. Good choice for cold winter, hot summer area; popular in eastern Washington. Shoots early.

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## ***Phyllostachys aureosulcata* 'Aureocaulis' AUREOCAULIS**

Typical Height: 20'-25' Maximum Culm Diameter: 1 1/2" Full to part sun. Hardy to -10°F

New canes have a deep rose hue that remains for some time and then turn deep gold with sufficient sun. An occasional zig-zag in the lower culms just adds to the wow factor. The yellow culms are a bold contrast to thick dark green foliage.

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## ***Phyllostachys aureosulcata* 'Alata' ALATA**

Typical Height: 25'-30' Maximum Diameter: 1 1/2" Full to part sun. Hardy to -10°F

Erect enough for second or nearly third story, dense screen. Some culms zig-zag near base. Early to shoot.

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***Phyllostachys aureosulcata 'Spectabilis'* SPECTABILIS**

Typical Height: 20'-25' Maximum Diameter: 1 1/2" Full to part sun. Hardy to -10°F  
Eye-catching yellow culms with a green groove are spectacular. Zig-zags and shoots early like all the aureosulcatas.

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***Phyllostachys bissetii* BISSETII or BISSET'S BAMBOO**

Typical Height: 18'-20' Maximum Diameter: 1" Full sun. Hardy to -15°F  
Dark green culms with abundant leaves. Vigorous. Fast to establish. Tolerates coastal, salt laden air.

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***Phyllostachys nigra* BLACK**

Typical Height: 20'-25' Maximum Diameter: 2" Full to part sun. Hardy to 0°F  
An elegant bamboo with small graceful leaves and culms shiny black when mature. Works well in pots topped to 10-12ft.

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***Phyllostachys nuda* NUDA**

Typical Height: 18'-20' Maximum Diameter: 1 3/4" Full to part sun. Hardy to -20°F  
Small green leaves with gentle curl. New shoots dark purplish-green. Known for tasty shoots and extreme cold-hardiness.

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*If planted in a container, where the plant is raised up out of the warmth of the earth, add about 20°F to the listed hardiness rating. Our nursery staff can help pick the best choices for your purpose.*

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***Pseudosasa japonica* ARROW**

Typical Height: 10'-15' Maximum Diameter: 3/4" Full shade to full sun. Hardy to 0°F  
Long, attractive leaves. Culms retain tan sheaths for striped effect. Looks best in shade but tolerates full sun. Popular in commercial plantings between tall buildings. Nice contrast to small-leafed plants. Grows taller in sun.

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***Semiarundinaria fastuosa* RED FASTUOSA**

Typical Height: 18'-20' Maximum Diameter: 1 1/2" Full sun. Hardy to -5°F  
Stately and handsome with a very upright nature and intensely dark leaves. New shoots turn an intense maroon in good sunlight. Mature culms display a mixture of greens, yellows and brick-reds. Leaves are larger and culms run deeper than *Phyllostachys* species. Excellent for specimen planting or as tall dense hedge. Also does well in containers.

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***Semiarundinaria fastuosa 'Viridis'* GREEN FASTUOSA**

Typical Height: 15-18' Maximum Diameter: 1 1/2" Full sun. Hardy to -5°F  
Green form is lightly shorter than Red Fastuosa. An excellent choice for an upright dark green hedge.

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***Semiarundinaria okuboi* OKUBOI**

Typical Height: 15' Maximum Diameter: 1 1/2" Full to part shade. Hardy to 0°F  
Upright culms turn reddish with lots of sun. Long and broad leaves are nice contrast with small-leafed bamboo. Use for a tropical or bold look. Can be pruned and trained to create a silhouette of bare culms with dense foliage only above fence.

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# Clumping Bamboo 2010 Plant List

Worry-Free Screen • Easy in Containers • Beneath Limbed-up Trees

5-20 Feet Tall

Choices Available for Sun or Shade

Non-aggressive "Clumpers" Do Not Require Containment



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## ***Borinda boliana* No official common name.**

Expected height 15-20ft. PM shade. Officially hardy to 10°F, but known to be deciduous in Zone 7. Beautiful narrow leaves dangle from arching culms. One of the tallest clumping bamboo available for Western WA. Semi-tender, it needs a sheltered location in cooler microclimates. Stunning in a woodland garden with rhododendrons, pink or red-flowered companion plants in particular complement the wine-colored branches. Limited supply.

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## ***Chusquea culeou* CULEOU or COLIHUE (sometimes referred to as Chilean Feather Bamboo)**

Typical height 12-15ft Culm diameter <1in. Full sun. Officially hardy to 10°F.

A large upright clump-forming bamboo for sunny locations with well-drained soil (think no clay). Difficult in containers. Limited supply.

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*Most people appreciate the easy to maintain non-spreading root structure of clumping bamboo plants, but did you know they are also easy to grow in containers? The 'clumpers' don't need to be divided as often as 'runners' and many are very cold hardy. The extra height provided by a container helps jumpstart the appeal of a younger or shorter plant. Also, the fountain shape is shown to advantage arching out of a beautiful pottery container. Just keep in mind that most clumpers prefer cool moist roots.*

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## ***Fargesia apicirubens* RED TIP (formerly known as DRAGONS HEAD)**

Typical height 8-12ft. D 1/2in. Part shade to part sun. Hardy to -5°F.

Very dense foliage gives excellent sound barrier. Allow space for arching culms of this recumbent form. Quite sun tolerant but protect from hot baking sun. Works very well to fill up space under limbed-up conifers.

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## ***Fargesia denudata* DENUDATA**

Typical height 12-15ft D 1/2in. Part shade to part sun. Hardy to 0°F.

Smaller branches on this *Fargesia* give it a more open airy appearance. The arching culms are reminiscent of a sword fern's shape. Quite sun tolerant but mulch and protect from hot baking sun. Culms turn a clear yellow with sun exposure. A wonderful but still underutilized clumper. Lovely in a woodland garden or filling a bare corner where fences meet.

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## ***Fargesia nitida* BLUE FOUNTAIN (new generation)**

Expected height 12-18ft. D 1/4in. Shade to filtered light. Hardy to -20°F.

Very delicate, long leaves on blue-ish narrow culms. Morning or filtered light produces attractive dark coloration, but protect from too much direct sun or the leaves will suffer. These plants are the new generation grown from the recent worldwide flowering of this species; this species won't flower again for decades. Highly attractive as a stand alone specimen, or as an under-story screen along native greenbelts.

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***Fargesia nitida* 'Jiuzhaigou' RED FOUNTAIN**

Expected height 12-18ft. D 1/4in. Shade to filtered light. Hardy to -20°F.

Delicate leaves on narrow culms take on shades of green, yellow, red & maroon depending on age and light exposure. A recently introduced fountain bamboo that is still rare. A little morning or filtered light creates best color, but protect from too much direct sun. Use as a specimen or focal point in woodland garden.

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***Fargesia robusta* ROBUSTA, also available as GREEN SCREEN (the tissue culture form)**

Typical height 10-14ft. D 3/4in. Part shade to part sun. Hardy to 5°F.

New culms are a bright rich green with a contrasting light tan sheath. Very striking. Grows reasonably upright making it ideal for a focal point or a screen. Tolerates full sun here if planted in loamy soil with regular water and not close to a wall.

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***Fargesia species* 'Rufa' RUFa, also available as GREEN PANDA (the tissue culture form)**

Typical height 6-8ft. D 1/2in. Part shade to part sun. Hardy to -5°F.

This shorter clump habit bamboo is great for a screen with its vase-shaped somewhat arching habit. New culm sheaths of orange-red create a novel accent. Tolerates full sun if planted in loamy soil with regular water and not close to a wall.

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*Searching for a particular variety not listed here? It may be only sporadically available, or perhaps we have 1 or 2 stashed away for future propagation, just ask the retail manager.*

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***Thamnocalamus angustissima* No official common name but we call it Dainty Bamboo**

Typical height 10-20ft. Part shade (AM sun with shade in PM). Officially hardy to 15F, but known to be deciduous in our Zone 7 foothills.

Tiny delicate leaves densely cover this tall clumping bamboo. Native to lower foothills of Tibet & Nepal. Semi-tender, it needs a sheltered location in our cooler microclimates. Potted plants should be brought into a greenhouse over winter.

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***Yushania anceps* 'Pitt White' PITT WHITE FOUNTAIN BAMBOO**

Typical height 10-15ft. Part shade to part sun (AM sun with shade in PM). Officially hardy to 10F, but known to be deciduous in Zone 7 or die back to ground if sudden heavy frosts.

While technically a clump-forming bamboo, it can form a very large 'forest' of widely spaced culms. Small leaves on weeping culms form a dense fountain of greenery. Semi-tender, it does best with overhead protection from tall trees. Non-invasive but deep roots make this an ideal bamboo for erosion control near native greenbelts. Very limited supply.

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# Shrub & Dwarf Bamboo 2010 Plant List

Weed-Suppressing Groundcover • Evergreen Hedge • Erosion Control

Less Than 12 Feet Tall

Most Prefer Filtered Light or Afternoon Shade

Needs To Be Contained



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## ***Hibanobambusa tranquillans* SHIROSHIMA**

Typical Seattle Height: 10' Part shade to part sun. Hardy to 0°F

Handsome broad variegated leaves, up to ten inches long. Holds the variegation all year and even achieves a tri-color pink green & white leaf in strong sunlight. Superb container specimen.

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## ***Indocalamus tessellatus* TESSELATUS**

Typical Seattle Height: 5' Part shade to part sun. Hardy to 0°F

A stunning shrub bamboo with shiny green leaves about two feet long. One of the best bamboo varieties for that tropical look. Great for a container or in the ground. Excellent as tall groundcover under mature timber bamboo. The canes weep over in a mounding habit and can give a waterfall effect when planted on a slope.

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## ***Pleioblastus chino 'Vaginatus Variegatus'* CHINO**

Typical Seattle Height: 6' Part to full shade. Hardy to 5°F

Long thin variegated leaves are graceful. Plant as a small shrub, as a specimen or in a container. Limited supply.

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## ***Pleioblastus gramineus* GRAMINEUS**

Typical Seattle Height: 10' Part shade to part sun. Hardy to 5°F

Long slender leaves with an upright fountain-like growth habit and grass-like appearance. Attractive in a pot or as a specimen plant. Good choice for modern or minimalist gardens. Tolerant of salt-laden air. Canes good for garden stakes.

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*How to determine shade or sun tolerance? In general, the bigger the leaf the better it will do in shade. Thicker tougher leaves can tolerate more sun than thin delicate leaves, though these leaves will be a paler more yellow green with sun exposure. Variegated leaves require more shade than solid green leaves.*

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## ***Pseudosasa japonica* ARROW**

Typical Height: 10'-15' Maximum Diameter: 3/4" Full shade to full sun. Hardy to 0°F

Long, attractive leaves. Culms retain tan sheaths for striped effect. Looks best in shade but tolerates full sun. Popular in commercial plantings between tall buildings. Nice contrast to small-leaved plants. More upright and thicker culm than most shade bamboo.

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## ***Sasa palmata* PALMATA**

Typical Seattle Height: 5-6' Part shade to part sun. Hardy to -5°F

Tropical looking due to very large oval leaves. Tolerates even full sun if it gets adequate water. If leaves look tattered after winter, cut back to the ground in early April and new growth will return. Can be pruned up to show off dark culms.

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***Sasa Veitchii* VEITCHII**

Typical Seattle Height: 3-5' Part shade to part sun. Hardy to 0°F

Lovely shade plant. Standard component of Japanese gardens. Not truly variegated, but new leaves are deep green until edges suddenly develop a parchment-colored trim in early winter. Traditionally cut to ground in spring before new shoots appear since older leaves can get a bit ragged.

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***Pleioblastus akebono* AKEBONO**

Typical Seattle Height: 1-2' Part shade. Hardy to 10° F

Somewhat rare, slow-spreading dwarf bamboo. Small ghostly white or white tipped leaves emerge in spring and develop more green as the season progresses. This highly decorative plant combines well with ferns and hostas.

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***Pleioblastus pygmaeus* PYGMAEUS (or nearly identical slightly taller DWARF HUMILIS)**

Typical Seattle Height: 2-3' Part shade to part sun. Hardy to 8°F

Dark green leaves, hairy underneath. Similar to *Sasaella ramosa*, except tips of the leaves reach up and plant appears more upright. Other dwarf bamboo are often sold under this name. Traditional underplanting. Good looking groundcover.

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***Pleioblastus viridistriatus* VIRIDISTRIATUS or DWARF GREENSTRIPE**

Typical Seattle Height: 3' Part shade to AM sun. Hardy to 0°F

New leaves, velvety on the underside, are bright chartreuse with dark green stripes. Leaves mature to lime green in summer. Can be yellow when exposed to nearly too-much light. Semi-deciduous in cooler microclimates, so cut to the ground in March or April and new growth quickly returns bright and lush.

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***Pseudosasa owatarii* OWATARII**

Typical Seattle Height: 1' Part shade to part sun. Hardy to 0°F

Tiniest of all bamboo. Dark green leaves in an attractive fern or palm like array. Spreads slowly in heavy soil but can fill in very quickly in moist garden soil. Clip or mow in early spring to keep tidy. Good choice for bonsai or groundcover.

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***Sasaella masamuneana 'Albostriata'* SASAELLA MASAMUNEANA ALBO**

Typical Seattle Height: 3-4' Part shade to part sun. Hardy to 0°F

Glossy new leaves are strikingly variegated with both broad and narrow stripes of cream. Some leaves are completely green. Clip back to 2-4 inches tall in early spring for best appearance. Spreads rapidly. One of the most sun tolerant shade loving dwarf bamboo varieties. Very attractive in containers or performs well as weed-suppressing groundcover.

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***Sasaella ramosa* RAMOSA**

Typical Seattle Height: 2' Part shade to part sun. Hardy to -5°F

Outstanding groundcover. Can be a rampant runner, so best in contained area. Leaves curl slightly downward toward tip resulting in an overall flat carpet of green. Edges tan in winter so mow in early spring for a solid green appearance. Tolerates substantially more sun than most dwarf bamboo, if it has good soil and adequate water. Many people have admired this plant in the downtown Uwajimaya parking lot where it survives full sun and reflected heat from concrete.

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