

Chinese timber bamboo

Phyllostachys vivax Also known as: **Vivax**, *Phyllostachys vivax 'Aureocaulis'*, *Phyllostachys aureocaulis*

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This description is for *Chinese timber bamboo (Phyllostachys vivax)*:

Like X-factor winners, Chinese timber bamboo reaches seriously impressive heights. Unlike X factor winners, the bamboo stays there.

If you're not one for half measures in your garden design, *Phyllostachys vivax* or Chinese timber bamboo is a serious rival for a featured spot. Its ability to quickly reach impressive heights and thicknesses combined with the glorious yellow and green colouring of the stems which can sometimes manifest as vivid stripes makes this bamboo more than worthy of the admiration it is sure to receive. Chinese timber bamboo thrives in loamy, moist soil with added compost and should be situated in an area that receives lots of sunlight or partial shade at the most. This is a magnificent bamboo for use as a screen or hedge and can be grown in containers as well so you can change its location if you come up with new garden ideas.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Grasses, ferns & bamboo Bamboos
Height [m] 20	Hardiness zone Z7-10	Grown for Ornamental foliage and habit
Spread [m] 0	Heat zone H10-7	Creative category For Beginners Show-offs Bonsai Neighbour repellent For every season Author's choice
Dominant flower colour Inconspicuous or absent	Winter temperatures [°C] -18 - 4	Garden type Woodland Containers
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 60 - 180	Garden spaces Specimen Architectural Hedges and screens Borders
Foliage in spring Green	Moisture well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in summer Green	Soil type loams	Time to reach full size up to 20 years
Foliage in Autumn Green	Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade	
Foliage in winter Green	Exposure Sheltered	
Awards? Yes, let it smell		
Propagation methods division		
Growth habit Clump-forming Upright		