

Botanical Name: Phyllostachys aurea

Common Name: Golden bamboo

Type of Plant: monocot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping habit of several to many erect, woody, green,
canelike stems, usually with crowded joints (nodes), at the base -- spreads
rapidly via underground rhizomes

Height 6-12' (20') Spread indefinite Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor tolerates any exposure

Soil prefers moist loam, tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (all zones)

Morphology:

Leaves short, grass like blades, lanceolate, bright green, 2-6"
long alternate, lacking petioles -- very short ones present -- 1/16"

Flowers inconspicuous

Fruit inconspicuous

Propagation: division of rhizome

Usage: large accent shrub for its distinctive clumping habit;
large background mass/screen -- tub plant

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular, tolerates considerable drought after
established

Fertilizing little required after established

Pruning cut back rhizome to prevent massive invasiveness of plant

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions plant in containers to prevent rhizome spread

Origin: Japan Family: Poaceae