

Botanical Name: Pleioblastus pygmaea (Sasa pygmaea)

Common Name: Dwarf bamboo

Type of Plant: monocot; perennial Family Poaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, spreading bamboo which forms a very dense, low thicket which can spread aggressively; plant in confined area

Height to 3 ft. Spread to 3 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates most any soil (including alkaline)

Hardiness hardy (Zones 2-24)

Morphology:

Leaves monocot blades to 4" long, 1/2" wide; usually light green and occurring toward ends of slender stems; spreads by aggressive rhizomes

Flowers resembles grass flowers; generally not attractive; blooms weaken plant and it normally dies after flowering

Fruit grain enclosed in papery sheath

Propagation: division of clumps

Usage: thick groundcover used in oriental landscapes, in containers for erosion control, in contained areas where a very thick groundcover is needed works well in several landscape styles

Landscape Care:

Watering takes regular water when first planted; becoming more drought tolerant when established

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer at planting time

Pruning mow back to ground to keep attractive

Pests/Diseases some scale and mealybug; seldom problematic

Other control spreading with plastic barriers or digging

Origin: Japan