

Forest Floor Ltd Bamboo Catalogue

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Himalayacalamnus hookerianus

Himalayan purple clumping bamboo
Stems change in colour from sky blue to dark purple
Fast growing, quick to establish
Ideal for tidy hedge (at 1 m spacings) or single specimen
Potted plants are often over 2m tall but are trimmed
back for delivery



Bambusa oldhamii

Our most popular hedging bamboo for horticultural
shelterbelts, windbreaks and taller privacy screens
Edible and upright, stays clumping and tidy.
Gets over 15 m tall in a good location

Plants trimmed back for delivery to approx 600 mm tall



Bambusa tuldoides

Almost solid stemmed bamboo, similar to oldhamii but
stronger wood, very thick stem walls, very vigorous
PB 40 and 35litre illustrated, over 2 m tall

Cut back for delivery if necessary



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Bambusa multiplex “Alphonse Karr”

Ornamental tightly clumping bamboo up to 5 m tall.

Culms to 20mm diameter, initially blush reddish in full sun,
finishing striking golden with green stripes.
Ideal for dense screen hedge or feature specimen.

Very good windbreak, hardy to minus 9 degrees C
Does not spread



Easilift35

Easilift25



PB 40

PB 5

Bambusa multiplex “Golden Goddess”

Dwarf clumping bamboo rarely exceeds 3 m, very dense
small canes to 10mm, branching to ground level.

Excellent container plant or screen hedge, can be trimmed
to any shape.

Hardy and quick to get to full size, needs water in summer
if in container

All very bushy plants supplied



PB 28.

PB 6.5



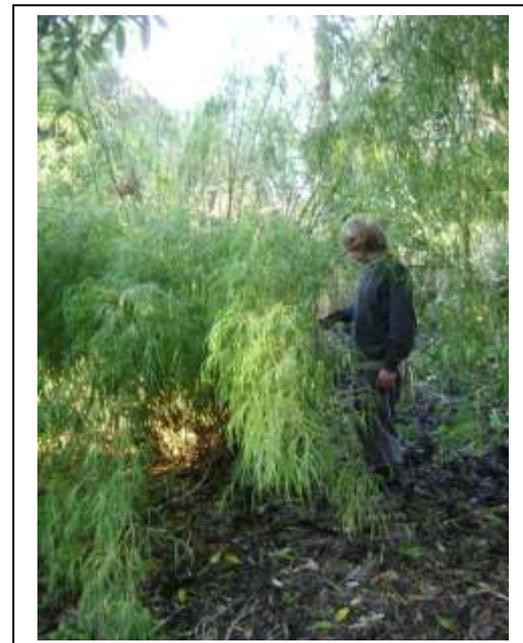
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Drepanostachyum falcatum

(syn. Bambusa gracilis)

Fine leaved arching bamboo, rarely gets to more than 3 m
Many kinds of small bamboo have been called gracilis,
meaning graceful, but this is probably the most common



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Dendrocalamus latifolia

Giant clumping bamboo with large leaves,
stems get to 150mm plus,

Clump gets to 5 m diameter in 12 years

Edible shoots in late autumn.

Very good timber bamboo.

Limited numbers



Running varieties of bamboo

Must be planted in a responsible position where they
cannot escape into neighbours

Limited in range by stock, water, or driveways

Very cold hardy

Sinarundinaria nitida

(syn. Arundinaria nitida, Fargesia nitida)

Fountain bamboo

Dwarf variety of bamboo gets to 4 m max usually less in
container

Attractive purple to black stems



Phyllostachys henonis var nigra

Running black bamboo, very popular for its ornamental
culms which darken with age

very good timber

Will spread rapidly if not contained

Stem diameter up to 40 mm, usually around 25mm

Height 8 metres



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running bamboos (continued):

Phyllostachys edulis syn. Pubescens (moso)

Will vigorously run more than 3 m per year across the ground, limited by water, stock or roadway or purpose built barrier. Gets stems over 150 mm diameter sometimes more in a good location, average is about 100mm. Height up to 25 metres usually about 18 metres. Good quality timber and edible shoots, very cold hardy

Phyllostachys bambusoides

v.g. timber variety, better timber than edulis but not as big, more parallel walled than edulis hence used for scaffolding. Favoured by the Japanese for many construction purposes. Runs and will cover a big area over time but doesn't seem to be as vigorous or as large as P.edulis. Diameter of stem from 50 to 75 mm can get to 100 mm plus. Height about 20 m max usually about 15 to 17m.

Phyllostachys henonis (we used to call it P. mitis)

Vigorous running bamboo, good timber, not as big as edulis and not quite as big as bambusoides but very useful strong timber, up to 75 mm dia usually about 50 to 60mm Height about 15 to 17 metres max

Arundinaria hindsii

Vigorous runner to 25 mm stem diameter and 10 m tall, Good for stock barrier, highly edible leaves, excellent for erosion control or as visual barrier, height about 9 metres max

Also available:

Shibatea kumisasa

dwarf ornamental avail. to order

Erosion Control bamboos

All bamboos are good for erosion control, forming a network of fibrous roots that bind the soil. The running bamboos are especially good to cover a large area of erosion prone land. Unlike a big tree they will not tear up the soil if uprooted, they are in fact extremely wind hardy

Notes on cold hardiness

Phyllostachys species are very cold hardy, most of them down to temperatures as low as -15 degrees Celcius without any damage.

The clumping bamboos tend to be less cold hardy. Himalayacalmnus can tolerate -9.5 degrees but doesn't like cold dry winds and looks better if planted in a sheltered location

Of the Bambusas, the hardiest is multiplex which can take as low as -10.5. Bambusa oldhamii has been reported to survive -9 but is not usually recommended below -7 Celcius unless protected from wind.

These temperatures are the minimum that an established plant can take for a short duration, and still grow back. Leaf burn and shoot damage will probably occur at this minimum. The plant will not be killed but it will not look good until it grows back (which happens very quickly). Exposure to cold dry winds at these minimum temperatures will cause increased damage. The emerging shoots are most susceptible to cold damage and in the clumping species shooting is generally in autumn, i.e. the shoots are most vulnerable in March and April then they begin to harden.

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Yes, we can deliver:



Transport

Transport charges are individually quoted for each order.

Forest Floor's truck can very economically deliver large orders if North of Hamilton, or any order close to Whangarei (see picture above of a 5 tonne load)

One plant can be delivered by Fastway courier if not too tall (most varieties can be cut back if required)
Rural delivery addresses cost extra.

A pallet via a trucking company is usually the most economical for several plants . We can double stack lots of plants on a pallet and get on lots, especially if we have several different size pots to nest together, and can cut back the tops.
Freight is measured by the cubic metre and so we often cut plants back to make a load more economical (they recover very quickly)

We have accounts with most major trucking companies and can give quotes on request once we know what you want, and we will suggest how to make it economical

Planting and establishment

The plants should be **well fertilised and watered in** heavily for best results then they will quickly establish and should not need watering again for ages.

Bamboos are very drought hardy and are very unlikely to ever die from drying out. If they do get dehydrated the leaves start to curl up. At this stage they are very responsive to water, and the leaves will reopen within several hours of the roots getting a drink. Prolonged dehydration will result in lower leaves starting to fall off until there are no leaves left but the rhizome under the ground will patiently await the arrival of rain to begin putting forth new shoots.

However bamboo loves extra water and fertiliser at any time.