



BAMBOO

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Bamboo Tree



Things You Need to Know About a Bamboo Tree

We call it a bamboo tree, when actually it is not a tree. Bamboos are from the family of grasses that, like any other grass, grow fast with lots of sunlight, cool water and mulched soil. The term 'tree' in a bamboo tree is a misnomer; bamboo gained such a term because of the tall and hardy culms that they possess. These culms, however, are merely stems that harden like a wood when harvested and dried.

A bamboo tree is a monocotyledonous plant that grows healthy in diverse climates. Although many of its species are seen in tropical climates, some bamboo tree species can survive winter in cold mountains. The reason for this, according to some botanists, is the capability of bamboo culms to harden when winter is near, and its roots dig miles and miles below to sustain itself with the proper nutrients and water.

If you plan to grow a bamboo tree in your backyard, you must be aware first whether your bamboo is a 'clumping' or a 'running' one. This will guide you on how to plant, trim, and prune your bamboos to avoid invasive growth, especially the running species. Running bamboos spread quickly; as long as there are loam where they can run around, they will do so, unlike the clumping bamboos that merely group together thickly in one place.

Uses of this tree are diverse. Shrub-sized and pot-sized bamboos are beautiful evergreens for backyard landscaping. Bamboo shoots or the young culms sprouts are edible and may be pickled. The mature bamboo culms can be used for woodworking and floorings. When dried, bamboo culms become wood-like in texture. In most Asian countries, there are chairs, dining set, and even a bed made from bamboo wood, which can be seen from nature inspired homes.