Mexican Weeping Bamboo

Otatea acuminata 'Aztecorum'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: syn. Yushania aztecorum

Description:

A rare and stunning ornamental bamboo perfect for a tall screen or as an accent where space allows; foliage is long and extremely narrow, giving it an arching, weeping look; drought tolerant once established, but looks best with occasional watering

Ornamental Features

Mexican Weeping Bamboo's attractive threadlike leaves remain light green in color throughout the year on a plant with an arching habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Mexican Weeping Bamboo is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching stalks. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mexican Weeping Bamboo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Mexican Weeping Bamboo
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Mexican Weeping Bamboo foliage
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Planting & Growing

Mexican Weeping Bamboo will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.