Parker Giant Bamboo

Dendrocalamus 'Parker Giant'



Parker Giant Bamboo
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 60 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Parker's Giant Bamboo

Description:

A rare giant bamboo featuring yellow-green culms with darker green striations; grows tall and gracefully erect, producing lovely green foliage; mature clumps do not produce lower branches; perfect for the garden, along walkways, or as screening

Ornamental Features

Parker Giant Bamboo's attractive large narrow pinnately compound leaves remain green in color throughout the year on a plant with a towering habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Parker Giant Bamboo is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Parker Giant Bamboo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Parker Giant Bamboo will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Parker Giant Bamboo is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.