Variegated Chinese Temple Bamboo

Sinobambusa tootsik 'Albostriata'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7

Description:

A striking bamboo with green foliage that is variegated with butter-cream striping;perfectly suited for privacy screens; use a rhizome barrier when planting in gardens; ideal for containers and well lit indoor enviroments

Ornamental Features

Variegated Chinese Temple Bamboo is primarily valued in the landscape for its pronouncedly upright and towering form. Its attractive narrow compound leaves remain green in color with prominent buttery yellow stripes and tinges of white throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Chinese Temple Bamboo is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Variegated Chinese Temple Bamboo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Variegated Chinese Temple Bamboo
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Variegated Chinese Temple Bamboo foliage
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Planting & Growing

Variegated Chinese Temple Bamboo will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Variegated Chinese Temple 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.