Chrysophyllus Bamboo

Pleioblastus viridistriatus 'var. chrysophyllus'



Chrysophyllus Bamboo
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Dwarf Yellow Bamboo, Running Bamboo

Description:

A short bamboo ideal for the garden or in containers; unique chartreuse leaf color makes it an ideal groundcover to brighten up dark areas; can easily be mowed down each spring to rejuvenate the colony



Chrysophyllus Bamboo foliage
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Ornamental Features

Chrysophyllus Bamboo is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. Its attractive glossy narrow leaves emerge lime green in spring, turning chartreuse in color with prominent dark green stripes and tinges of yellow. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous lemon yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Chrysophyllus Bamboo is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, 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

Chrysophyllus Bamboo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Chrysophyllus Bamboo will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 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 type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.