Albostriata Variegated Bamboo

Sasaella masamuneana 'Albostriata'



Albostriata Variegated Bamboo foliage
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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Sam Bamboo, White Striped Hairy Bamboo

Description:

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



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Ornamental Features

Albostriata Variegated Bamboo is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. Its attractive narrow compound leaves remain bluish-green in color with prominent buttery yellow stripes and tinges of white throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Albostriata Variegated Bamboo is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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

Albostriata Variegated Bamboo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Albostriata Variegated Bamboo will grow to be about 5 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 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.

Albostriata Variegated Bamboo is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. 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.