Dwarf Fernleaf Bamboo

Pleioblastus pygmaeus var. distichus



Dwarf Fernleaf Bamboo
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Running Bamboo

Description:

One of the smallest bamboos, with tiny leaves that fan out in groups, looking like little palm or fern leaves; though evergreen by nature it may go deciduous in colder climates; can easily be mowed down each spring to rejuvenate the colony

Ornamental Features

Dwarf Fernleaf Bamboo's attractive small narrow leaves are green in color on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous lemon yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Dwarf Fernleaf 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

Dwarf Fernleaf Bamboo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Dwarf Fernleaf Bamboo will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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 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 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

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