Robert Young Bamboo

Phyllostachys viridis 'Robert Young'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: syn. Phyllostachys sulfurea 'Robert Young'

Description:

A slow-running variety with thick culms that emerge pea green, with dark brown speckled sheaths that contrast the mature, golden culms with variable, vertical green stripes; very impressive along borders or as a focal point, but must be controlled

Ornamental Features

Robert Young Bamboo is primarily valued in the landscape for its pronouncedly upright and towering form. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the year. The gold stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

Landscape Attributes

Robert Young 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 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;

- Spreading

Robert Young Bamboo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



Robert Young Bamboo
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Robert Young Bamboo stems
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Planting & Growing

Robert Young Bamboo will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 6 feet from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. 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.