Blue Stemmed Bamboo

Himalayacalamus hookerianus

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Damarapa Bamboo

Description:

A striking ornamental bamboo; graceful stems with culm of a soft powdery blue; protect from hot afternoon sun; an interesting and exotic bamboo that should be sheltered



Blue Stemmed Bamboo foliage
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Ornamental Features

Blue Stemmed Bamboo's attractive pointy compound leaves remain green in color throughout the year on a plant with a vase-shaped habit of growth. The powder blue stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.



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Landscape Attributes

Blue Stemmed Bamboo is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with an indistinguished habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Stemmed Bamboo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Blue Stemmed Bamboo will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.



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