

RUNNING VS CLUMPING BAMBOO

Running bamboo can develop a dense, natural screen providing privacy in the landscape. Runners spread through rhizomes allowing it to expand rather quickly. They are recommended for large, open areas and soil erosion control. However, they can become aggressive, barrier installation is recommended. Installing a thick plastic rhizome barrier about 24-30 inches deep around the perimeter of the area in which the bamboo is to be contained is one of the most effective ways to prevent the bamboo from taking over where it would be undesired. *Phyllostachys* species are common running bamboos sold at Cavicchio's.

Clumping bamboo make excellent specimen plants and will form very dense screens, but more slowly than runners. Because of the short root structure, they will not expand more than few inches a year and will generally form discrete clumps. These clumps slowly enlarge as new culms emerge every year. It is not necessary to surround the plant with a barrier, but they may be shaped and prevented from putting pressure on any surrounding structures by removing new shoots at the soil level when they get undesirably closer to these structures. *Fargesia* is a common, cold hardy clumping bamboo.





Fargesia dracocephala

SUNSET GLOW

'Rufa'

Vigorous, clumping grower featuring purple-red sheaths on new culms with dense, slightly weeping habit. Wind tolerant.

Height: 6'-10' Spread: 6'-8'

Growth: Fast

Soil: Well-drained, moist

Zone(s): 5-9 | ☀️ ☀️

'Rufa'

GREEN PANDA

Herbaceous evergreen ornamental grass with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit featuring fine textured foliage against rusty red sheaths. Does well in containers.

Height: 8'-10' Spread: 6'-8'

Fargesia nitida

FOUNTAIN BAMBOO

Slow-growing, clump-forming bamboo, with olive-purple stems, dark green leaves, and an upright habit.

Height: 10'-15' Spread: 10'-15'

Growth: Slow

Soil: Well-drained, medium

Zone(s): 5-9 | ☀️ ☀️

Fargesia murielae

UMBRELLA BAMBOO

Graceful, non-aggressive clumping bamboo with thin stems shoot up quickly in early summer and older canes elegantly arching out forming a broad vase shape. The small and thin evergreen leaves are bright green and delicate in appearance. Works well as a screen and in containers.

Height: 10'-12' Spread: 10'-12'

Growth: Fast

Soil: Well-drained, moist

Zone(s): 5-9 | ☀️

Fargesia scabrada

Fairly upright habit with fine textured, emerald green leaves against orange culm sheaths and steely-blue new culms that will mature to olive green.

Height: 16'-18' Spread: 12'-14'

Growth: Fast

Soil: Well-drained, moist

Zone(s): 5-9 | ☀️



Phyllostachys aureosulcata

YELLOW GROOVE

A hardy, running bamboo that has a yellow strip on a dark green culm. Culms will sometimes have abrupt zigzags in the lower portion, but it is rigidly upright. Lanceolate, green leaves are hairy at the bases.

Height: 26'-30' Spread: Indeterminate

Growth: Fast

Soil: Well-drained, moist

Zone(s): 5-10 | ☀️ ☀️

'Spectabilis'

This form has yellow canes with a bright green stripe, but the new canes will turn burgundy-red if exposed to the sun. Culms will also form a zigzag pattern occasionally at the base.

Height: 26'-30' Spread: Indeterminate

Growth: Fast

Soil: Well-drained, moist

Zone(s): 5-9 | ☀️ ☀️



Phyllostachys bissetii

BISSET'S BAMBOO

Extremely vigorous bamboo with dark green culms and evergreen foliage that can form an extremely dense canopy.

Height: 20'-30' Spread: Indeterminate

Growth: Fast

Soil: Well-drained, moist

Zone(s): 5-10 | ☀️ ☀️



Phyllostachys nigra

BLACK BAMBOO

Known for its new culms that emerge green every spring and gradually turn black in one to three years against slender, dark green leaves. Initially slow to spread but can be quite vigorous when it matures.

Height: 25'-35' Spread: Indeterminate

Growth: Fast

Soil: Well-drained, moist

Zone(s): 7-10 | ☀️ ☀️