



Bamboo

Facts and Diversity

Member of the Grass Family
 Used throughout the world for food, shelter, furniture, crafts, musical instruments
 Produces sustainable crop in 5-10 years
 Over 1,200 species in the world
 Over 200 species hardy to Zone 6
 Roughly 100 species will grow in Zone 5

Types

Tropical and Temperate
 Running and Clumping

Our favorite reasons for growing bamboo

Drought tolerant
 Deer resistant
 Cold and heat tolerant
 Variety of sizes
 Great house plant
 Looks cool

Genera - Name Dropping

US Native
Arundinaria
 Canebreak
 Giant Bamboo
Bambusa
 Hedge Bamboo
 America's Own
Chusquea
 Mountain Clumpers
Fargesia
 Umbrella Bamboo
 Unpronounceable
Hibanobambusa
Indocalamus
 Timber Bamboo
Phyllostachys
 Black Bamboo
 Shorter Ones
Pleioblastus
 Dwarf Fernleaf
Sasa
 Palm Leaf Bamboo
Sasaella
Shibataea
 Ruscus Leaf Bamboo

Culture

Seasons of Bamboo

Shooting
 Leaving out
 Rhizome spread

Conditions

Full shade to hot sun
 Wet to dry
 Irrigation
 Fertilizer
 Mulch

Containment

Cold weather/Drought
 Bodies of water
 Roads/Concrete
 Mowing/Edging
 Underground barriers
 Stock tanks
 Knowledge

Bamboo as a Potted Plant or Bonsai

Light conditions
 Size of bamboo
 Size of container
 Water sensitivity

Bamboo and your pond

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