



**Blue Stemmed Bamboo**  
*Himalayacalamus hookerianus*

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 8a

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

**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.

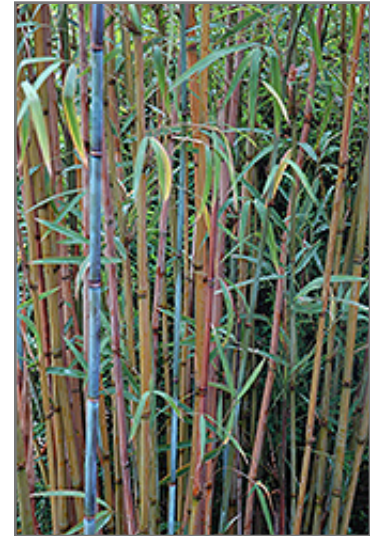
**Landscape Attributes**

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



*Blue Stemmed Bamboo foliage*  
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### 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 evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. 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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