

Bambusa Ventricosa, Buddha Belly Bamboo - Plant



Probably the toughest of the tropical clumping bamboos, Buddha's Belly is known for its utility as well as its adaptability. It is one of the most popular ornamental bamboos for collectors.

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Description

Description for Bambusa Ventricosa, Buddha Belly Bamboo

Bamboo is one of the most useful and versatile plants in the world. Buddha Belly Bamboo is a highly ornamental plant. The resemblance of the swollen stem sections to the bulging belly of Buddha depicted in paintings and sculptures gives rise to the name of this bamboo. With its clean, simple lines, bamboo lends a feeling of peacefulness and simple elegance. This is the only bamboo to thrive indoors.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Bambusa Ventricosa, Buddha Belly Bamboo, Bambusa Tuldoides, Buddha's Belly Bamboo, Kalaka, Udha- bans, Basini Bans, Ponmoongil, Bongu, Bahupallava, Mula, Bombu, Toncor	-	Bamboo does not produce any flowers.	6m - 10m	easy to grow

Planting and care

Plants prefer a near-neutral pH range of 5.5 - 7.0. A pH of 6.5 is just about right for most home gardens (slightly acidic to neutral). An accurate soil test will tell you where your pH currently stands. Acidic (sour) soil is counteracted by applying finely ground limestone, and alkaline (sweet) soil is treated with ground sulphur.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun to part shade	Moist, well drained soil. Keep well mulched.	Water Buddha belly plants in containers deeply about once or twice each week, and allow their soil to dry out between watering sessions. Water outdoor Buddha belly plants about once each week.	Optimal temperature required is 22 C.	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Bambusa Ventricosa

- The plant stays small and produces swollen internodes when grown in a small container and supplied with little moisture and nutrient.
- Should be fed regularly with a high-nitrogen food.
- New culms that grow taller need to be trimmed to keep the plant in shape.
- You can control the height of any culm by cutting just above the node.
- It is advisable to plant them in a large pot because they can die if the root ball is allowed to dry out.

Typical uses of Bambusa Ventricosa

Special features: Garden plant. Screens. Windbreaks. Containers. Bonsai.

Culinary use: leaves

References

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