

## Bambusa Ventricosa Kimmei, Buddha Belly Bamboo Variegated - Plant



It is one of the most popular ornamental bamboos for collectors.

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Description

### Description for Bambusa Ventricosa Kimmei, Buddha Belly Bamboo Variegated

Probably the toughest of the tropical clumping bamboos, Buddha's Belly is known for its utility as well as its adaptability. 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. Probably the toughest of the tropical clumping bamboos, Buddha's Belly is known for its utility as well as its adaptability. Bamboo is technically a grass which grows more rapidly than any other plant on the planet. New bamboo shoots can grow as much as 3 feet in one day. Bamboo has been most widely used for shelter, food, paper, jewelry, and clothes in Asia.

Bamboo can be divided into two main categories: clumpers and runners. Clumpers tend to send out new shoots within a couple of feet of the clump each year. Runners, however, send out new shoots much farther from the original clump.

Common name Buddha Belly Bamboo, Buddha Bamboo	Flower colours Bamboo does not produce any flowers. Has a bright green trunk with ringed swellings.	Bloom time Bamboo does not produce any flowers.	Height 6m - 10m	Difficulty easy to grow
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## 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.

Under harsh conditions, this bamboo develops short swollen internodes - hence its name Buddha s Belly . Under normal QLD growing conditions, the ventricosa will generally only produce about half of its shoots with the short, swollen internodes and the rest straight as usual. Though this does very much depend on conditions.

It is very fast growing with a vigorous growth habit. Great for privacy screening on acreage, windbreaks or erosion control.

Sunlight Full sun to part shade	Soil Well-drained soil.	Water 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.	Temperature Optimal temperature required is 22C.	Fertilizer Should be fed regularly with a high-nitrogen food or Apply any organic fertilizer
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## Caring for Bambusa Ventricosa Kimmei

- 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 Kimmei

**Special features:** na

**Culinary use:** leaves

**Ornamental use:**

Bamboo Buddha Belly can be grown as a grove or as an ascent plant. It could also be grown to form a screen. Due to the nature of the belying , this bamboo is one of the best bamboos for bonsais.

By pruning the tops of the culms and restricting its growth, the swollen internodes become more predominant.

**Medicinal use:** na

## References

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