

Phyllostachys nigra

Common name

Black bamboo (United States)

[Phyllostachys nigra](#) is a fully hardy perennial evergreen bamboo. It has low drought tolerance. This bamboo has all year round interest.

 -17°C / 1.4F

    6 to 8

Soil

Phyllostachys nigra grows in soils ranging from a pH of 6 (acidic ranges from 5.6 to 6) to 8 (slightly alkaline ranges from 7.6 to 8). It is adapted to clay loam, loam, loamy sand, sandy clay loam and sandy loam soils, and prefers high fertility.

Growth

This plant has a rhizomatous growth form, and has an ultimate height of 4m / 13.1ft and spread of 2.5m / 8.2ft. It can take 6-10 years to reach its ultimate height.. The vegetative spread rate is slow.



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Care and maintenance

Not as vigorous nor as fast spreading as the other species of *Phyllostachys*. It will start to spread after a number of years via rhizomes which can be controlled by careful pruning.

Leaves

It has green leaves. They are lanceolate in shape.

Exposure

The plant prefers a sheltered situation.

Uses

Architectural, city courtyard garden, low maintenance, screen, tropical effect and container plant.

Stem

The black stems have a smooth texture.

Proagation

Propagation techniques include division.

Scientific classifications

Genus	Phyllostachys
Specific epithet	nigra

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