



Bambusa vulgaris 'Wamin'

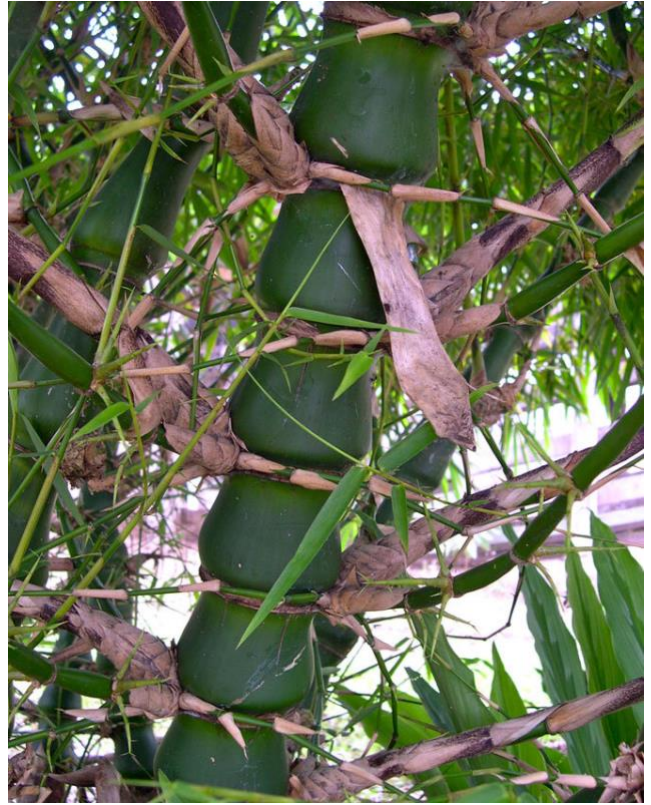
Bambusa vulgaris 'Wamin' or **Dwarf Buddha Belly Bamboo** is a tropical and subtropical clumping bamboo native to South China.

Summary

Height	2 - 5 m
Diameter	2 - 12 cm
Growth Habit	Clumper
Climate	Tropical - Subtropical
Hardiness	-2°C
Origin	South China

Photos







Culms

This species is a small sized graceful bamboo. Culms are loosely tufted, dark shiny green, woody and thick-walled, with an average height between 2-5 m. Internodes are 10-15 cm long of which the lower internodes are shortened and swollen with nodal roots. Lower swollen internodes can be 10-12 cm in diameter.

Branches

Several to many clustered branches with 1-3 larger dominant branches. Branches usually occur over the entire culm.

Leaves

The leaves of this bamboo are usually between 15-30 cm long and 2-3 cm wide.

Seeds

Data on flowering cycles and seed setting is unknown.

Habitat

Bambusa vulgaris 'Wamin' prefers full sun to partial shade. If grown in deep shade, the nodes won't be as pronounced, as the plant will stretch to reach for the sun. Although the roots are cold hardy, the foliage is frost sensitive and culm damage can result from temperatures below -2°C.

Uses

Bambusa vulgaris 'Wamin' is an ornamental bamboo used in garden landscaping or as erosion control. The culms are often used for handicrafts.

Origin

Although the species isn't been found in the wild yet, it is believed to have been introduced from China or Thailand.

