



Bambusa vulgaris 'Vittata'

Bambusa vulgaris 'Vittata' or **Painted Bamboo**, (previously known as *Bambusa striata*) is a giant tropical and subtropical clumping bamboo native to China and Japan. It is one of the most cultivated ornamental bamboos in the tropical world.

Summary

Height	10 - 15 m
Diameter	5 - 8 cm
Growth Habit	Clumping
Climate	Tropical - Subtropical
Hardiness	-3 °C
Origin	China - Japan

Photos





Culms

The glossy culms of *Bambusa vulgaris* 'Vittata' are bright yellow randomly marked with narrow and broad green stripes (or rarely light green with yellow stripes), and have an average height between 10-15 m. Internodes are 10-15 cm long, thick-walled, and have an average diameter of 5-8 cm. The type of striping on the culms is known to vary in different plants, or even within an individual plant. For example, there exist plants of yellow internodes with a few narrow green stripes, or without any green stripes, as well as plants of green internodes with a few yellow stripes.

Branches

Several to many clustered branches with 1 larger dominant branch. Branches are often striped as well.

Leaves

Narrow lance-shaped leaves which are on average 15-20 cm long and 2-2.5 cm wide.

Seeds

Last reported [flowering](#) and seed-setting was in 1873.

Habitat

This bamboo species grows up to an altitude of 1,000 m and can survive low temperatures up to -3°C.

Uses

Commonly and widely planted as an ornamental bamboo, as hedges to border land or as erosion control on slopes or riverbeds. Water from boiled shoots is also used as a medicine. Culms are used as poles in light construction or furniture. In Central America often used to make baskets or as tv-antenna posts.

Origin

Bambusa vulgaris 'Vittata' is native to China and Japan and commonly cultivated all over India for ornamental purposes.

