

# Ritchie

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### Khasia Bamboo

*Drepanostachyum khasianum*

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 8b

#### Description:

A perfect screening bamboo with a clumping, vase shaped habit; dark green culms have interesting white and purple rings at the nodes; stunning lime green, glossy foliage; does well indoors with filtered sunlight

#### Ornamental Features

Khasia Bamboo's attractive glossy narrow leaves remain lime green in colour throughout the year on a plant with an arching habit of growth.

#### Landscape Attributes

Khasia Bamboo is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching stalks. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Khasia Bamboo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Khasia Bamboo*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Khasia Bamboo foliage*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Khasia Bamboo will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Khasia Bamboo is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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