

## *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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