



Scientific Name	<i>Bambusa ventricosa</i> McClure
Common Names	Buddha Bamboo, Buddha Belly Bamboo
Family	Poaceae
Plant description	This species is named for its unique, bulbous culms that resemble a Buddha's belly, making it a popular ornamental plant. When grown in ground, it can reach up to 55 feet tall, while in containers, their height is retarded to about 6-15 feet tall. They have evergreen, linear-lanceolate leaves that can grow up to 7 inches long. Their culms are thick-walled and jointed with about 1-2 inches diameter.
Distribution	It is native to Vietnam and to Guangdong province in southern China. It thrives in warmer climates and is frost-sensitive.
Uses	It is frequently used in landscaping for its aesthetic appeal and unique stem shape. It is popular in bonsai cultivation due to its compact growth form and manageable size in containers.
Flowering and Fruiting time	Flowers are insignificant and rarely seen, as the plant does not flower often.