

Hello Caryn,

Phyllostachys is not the only genus of runners, though it might be the largest.

Other genera to watch out for include Pleioblastus, (Semi)Arundinaria, Sinobambusa, Chimonobambusa, Sasa, Indocalamus, etc.

We grow Ph. nigra because people are mad on black bamboo, and we sell it only to landscapers and other bamboo growers. I don't like it much because of the bamboo spider mites, and look forward to removing it all and growing Gracilis in that area. We also have small patches of Ph. bambusoides and Arundinaria amabilis, because of the superior quality poles they produce.

The reason that we specialise in clumping bamboo is really because here on the east coast of Australia our climate is very warm to hot with short, mild winters and most runners can become invasive pests, and soil barriers are almost essential. In some parts of our state (but not here) all Phyllostachys species are declared noxious weeds and their cultivation is prohibited. All of ours are contained by roads and standing water (dams).

And so, we can grow a large variety of clumping bamboo, but specialise in one variety Gracilis (Bambusa textilis Gracilis), which is the best ever privacy screen for suburbia in our climate.

Adding a small number of other clumpers, and we can offer non-invasive screening plants from 10' to 50' high.

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On 27/02/2012 8:08 AM, Caryn Rickel,Seymour wrote:

Is Phyllostachys the only invasive runner ?

Is there another genus that is cold hardy and is invasive rhizomatous ?

Why do you sell P. nigra and not P. nuda or P.aureosulcata or P. aurea ?

I am trying to understand why some sellers like yourself seem to specialize in non-invasive clumpers, while others only sell runners. We are having a problem in the USA with yellow groove being sold on ebay and online with no mention of barriers . They are selling 10 inch rhizome pieces !

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