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*Phyllostachys aurea*

[Synonyms : *Bambusa aurea*, *Sinoarundinaria aurea*, *Phyllostachys bambusoides* var. *aurea*, *Phyllostachys formosana*, *Phyllostachys meyeri* var. *aurea*, *Phyllostachys reticulata* var. *aurea*]

**GOLDEN BAMBOO** is an invasive evergreen bamboo. Native to south-eastern China it has yellowish-green or greyish-green stems.

It is also known as Fish-pole bamboo.

The tiny flowers are rare but there are regular and simultaneous flowerings worldwide.

*Aurea* means 'golden' with reference to the stems.

The brown spotted, olive green young shoots are eaten locally.

Stems provide plant stakes and clothes poles. They are also fashioned into walking sticks, and umbrella or parasol handles.

Golden bamboo was introduced to Alabama in the United States in 1882. In North America especially they are made into fishing rods.