

Cultural Information – Chusquea
(chus-KWEE-uh)

Hardy to Zones 7a-9 for outdoors
Full sun, grows to 20' in container.

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun, a southern exposure is best.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Hardy to temperatures down to 0 degrees when planted in the ground. In containers, keep temperatures above freezing.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Humidity is not an issue.
<u>Watering:</u>	Even moisture. Be sure the soil has good drainage.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate fertilizer needs. Top dress with an organic granular several times during the growing season. Restrict fertilizer in mid to late summer to allow growth to harden off.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Little pruning is needed except for an occasional unsightly old cane. Canes can be pruned back some if height becomes an issue.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few if any problems with insects or diseases.
<u>Comments</u>	Chusquea are dramatic bamboos for the garden and although clumping in habit, they have a little more of a spreading habit than others. They do make a good potted plant although one needs to have sufficient room in the container and growing space for them to develop.