

Cultural Information – Semiarundinaria

(semi-ee-ar-run-din-NAY-ree-a)

Hardy to Zone 5 and higher for outdoors.
Full to partial sun, grows to 20' in a container

<u>Light:</u>	Full to partial sun, a southern, eastern, or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Will take temperatures to below zero.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Humidity is not an issue in its culture.
<u>Watering:</u>	Once establish it will tolerate a wide range of soils and climate conditions. Under severe drought some irrigation is helpful. Water during the first year after planting if dry periods are experienced. In containers allow the mix to dry a little between watering.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Medium levels of fertilizer will help containers or younger plants that are getting established. A top dressing of granulated organic fertilizer once a month during the summer is adequate.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Little pruning is needed, as the canes are perennial. It is a spreading variety and thus trimming advancing shoots is necessary for containment.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects. Under very wet conditions root rot can be an issue.
<u>Comments</u>	Many Semiarundinaria are tall growing bamboos that spread by runners. Be sure to plant in an area that can handle the advancing colony and trim, mow, or cultivate out the shoots in unwanted places. They make excellent privacy screens once established. Don't plant in excessively wet areas.