

Phyllostachys vivax

COMMON NAMES

Japanese timber bamboo

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Monocotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Large bamboo: culms to 130 mm diam at chest height and > 15 m tall; suckering.

GENUS

Phyllostachys

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Phyllostachys vivax McClure

SYNONYMS

Misidentified in NZPCN earlier, as *P. heterocycla*

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

2009

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

ornamental, timber

ATTRIBUTION

Chris Stapleton via iNaturalist

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/phyllostachys-vivax/>

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