



## Heavenly Bamboo, Gulf Stream Dwarf

*Nandina domestica* 'Gulf Stream'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: nandina

### Description:

Amazing foliage throughout the season, from copper in spring to blue-green, red and gold during summer, then copper again in the fall; excellent in mass plantings for textural effect; seldom flowers in cooler climates

### Ornamental Features

Heavenly Bamboo, Gulf Stream Dwarf is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive bluish-green foliage with red stripes and tinges of gold which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The narrow compound leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

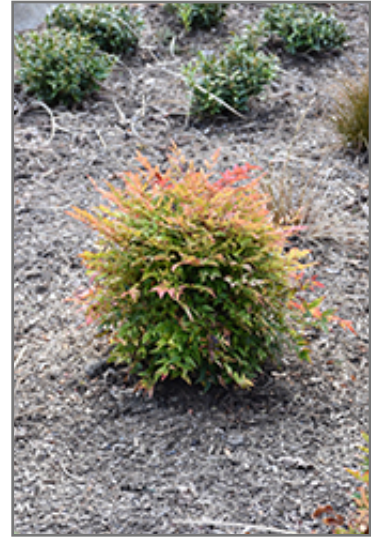
### Landscape Attributes

Heavenly Bamboo, Gulf Stream Dwarf is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

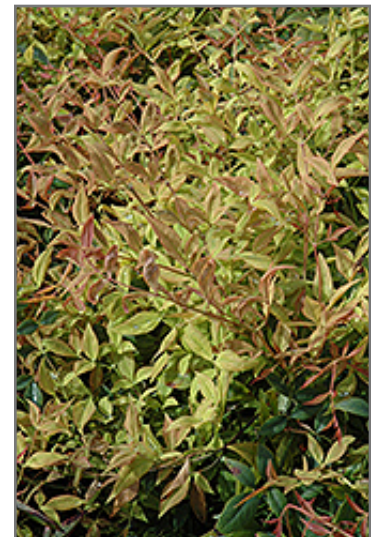
Heavenly Bamboo, Gulf Stream Dwarf is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



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*Heavenly Bamboo, Gulf Stream Dwarf foliage*

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## Planting & Growing

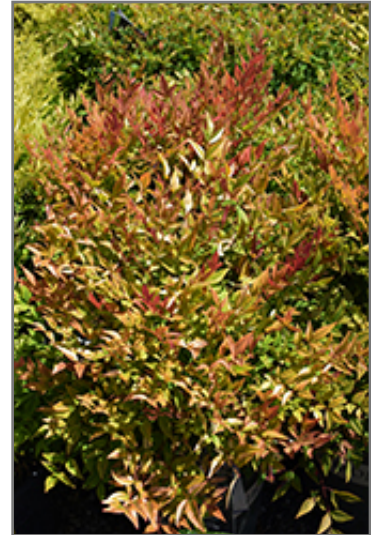
Heavenly Bamboo, Gulf Stream Dwarf will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in partial shade to shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Heavenly Bamboo, Gulf Stream Dwarf makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

## Special Attributes

Evergreens need to be watered during the winter. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter.



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