



Bamboo Facts

- As a member of the grass family and the earth's fastest growing plant, bamboo is harvestable on a sustainable and environmentally safe basis. Some varieties are capable of growth up to 4 ft. per day.
- It has the unique capacity to flourish in degraded soil (it was the first plant to re-green Hiroshima) and mitigate erosion through both its root system and canopy while producing 35% more oxygen than an equivalent stand of trees.
- It has the tensile strength of medium steel and the hardness suitable for parquet flooring yet its shoots are an edible delicacy.
- It grows on every continent except Antarctica.
- It has over 1,000 documented uses; one of which was Edison's use of a carbonized bamboo filament in the first incandescent bulb which is still functional and on display in the Smithsonian.

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