

# Weed Alert! Giant reed



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(*Arundo donax*)

**Mature Size** Shoulder



## Description

- Large, clump-forming perennial grass 9-30 ft. tall
- Hollow stems divided by partitions like bamboo
- Plume-shaped creamy brown seedheads are 1-2 ft. long and lean to one side
- Pale green to blue-green leaves that “clasp” stem
- Leaves 1-2 in. wide and 1 ft. long; look like corn leaves from a distance
- Reproduces vegetatively from rhizomes and plant fragments
- Spread by water, horticulture
- Native to Europe



**Bloom Period** May - Jun

**Habitat** Moist places, including ditches, streams, riverbanks, estuaries



**2-Minute Removal** Dig

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