**Arundo donax**

GIANT REED  
*Poaceae*

Common Synonyms: none

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**FLEPPC Category:**  
FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No  
IFAS Assessment

- North: INVASIVE  
- Central: INVASIVE  
- South: INVASIVE

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 6a-10b  
**Growth Habit:** Bamboo-like grass  
**Origin:** Old World

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**Description:** Corn-like stems forming thickets of distinct clumps. Plants up to 6 m tall. Stems round in cross-section, glabrous and gray-green, jointed every 2.5-3.0 cm. Leaves alternate, long-lanceolate, jutting from the stems and then drooping near the ends of the blades. Dense terminal plume of infertile but densely hairy seeds. Plants spread from rhizomes.

Note: Similar to golden bamboo (*Phyllostachys aurea*) and the native common reed (*Phragmites australis*), which occurs in wetlands instead of uplands like *Arundo donax* does.

**Habitat:** wet to dry disturbed areas

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**Florida Introduction Date:** Earliest Florida specimen vouchered in 1965.  
**Control Methods:**  
Chemical: Foliar (2% glyphosate, 1% imazapyr, or a combination of 2% glyphosate and 1% imazapyr). [UGA].

**Useful Resources:**  

**Comments:** This species has been proposed as a biofuel in the state of Florida.