



**Arundo**  
*Arundo donax*



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<b>General</b>	Family: Grass (Poaceae) Introduced from Europe and Asia Colorado List A - Eradication required
<b>Common names</b>	Giant reed
<b>Habitat</b>	Perennial Colony forming Found along wetlands and drainages An escaped ornamental. Very invasive
PLANT	
<b>Vegetation</b>	Plant to 30 feet tall Leaves 1-3 inches wide and 1-3 feet long Auricles clasp stem Stems hollow between nodes
<b>Roots</b>	Rhizome
<b>Flower</b>	June-Sept. Cream colored 2 feet long
<b>Seed</b>	Most plants in North America do not produce seeds
<b>Reproduction</b>	By rhizomes and plant fragments

<b>CONTROL -- CHEMICAL</b>		
<i>Timing</i>	<i>Herbicide</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Spring to Fall Actively growing	Glyphosate (various) Imazapyr (Habitat)	<p>Use of a surfactant is recommended for most herbicides to help increase contact with the vegetation and to facilitate herbicide uptake. Refer to the specific label for the appropriate type of surfactant.</p> <p>Treating at the rosette and younger growth stages stops weeds from using resources that desirable plants need to prosper.</p> <p>Refer to the individual label for allowed sites, specific timing, and restrictions about grazing and haying.</p> <p>Formulations with more than one active ingredient are available.</p> <p>Control will take a few years so treatment will need to be repeated.</p>
<b>CONTROL -- NON-CHEMICAL</b>		
<i>Technique</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Method</i>
<b>Biological</b>	N/A	
<b>Burning</b>	N/A	
<b>Cultivation</b>	N/A	
<b>Grazing</b>	N/A	
<b>Mowing</b>	N/A	
<b>Prevention</b>	Anytime	Maintain the health of the site by encouraging healthy stands of grass.
<b>Removal</b>	Not recommended	<p>Hand pulling is not effective. Pulling perennial weeds with deep or spreading roots breaks the roots. New plants grow from the fragmented pieces and can increase an infestation.</p> <p>Bolting and flowering plants Spring to Fall may be clipped near the base. Place the cut plants into trash bags and place them in the trash or take to the landfill. If done when plants are small, it results in less bulk. Repeat monthly and follow up in the fall with herbicide treatment.</p> <p><b>Do not pull established plants because they will resprout from root fragments.</b></p>

Use all chemicals according to the manufacturer's label. The label will provide specific instructions including allowed sites, application methods, rates, storage, re-entry requirements and personal protective equipment. No specific recommendation or endorsement is made or implied by listing the above methods or products. 9/2021