

Arundo donax

(Giant Reed, Spanish cane)

Arundo donax is a giant grass, can be evergreen or deciduous depending on the area. It produces large feathery plume during late summer. It can be planted in any type of soil, and would grow best next to water. It can be invasive in non native areas.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Canne de Provence

Arabic Name: الغاب العملاق, قصب

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Southern Europe

Heat Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Border Plant, Container, Windbreak, Cut Flowers / Arrangements

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m, 1.5 to 3 m, 3 to 5 m, 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

Notes

Used in water gardens, rain gardens.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 30 - 50

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Terminal Spine

Leaf Textures: Fine

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green, Yellow

Color(changing season): Green, Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: Over 20

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Green, Purple

Seasons: Summer, Fall

Fruit

Fruit Type: Follicle

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Grey

Seasons: Summer, Fall

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed

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