

Arundo donax

Description:

Arundo or giant reed is a tall perennial reed, growing in fresh and moderately saline waters. Found throughout the county generally in gardens, landscapes growing up to 9 feet. The leaves are alternate, broad with a tapered tip, grey-green, and have a hairy tuft at the base. Overall, it resembles a lot like bamboo. The seeds are rarely fertile. Instead, it mostly reproduces vegetatively, by underground rhizomes. This vegetative growth appears to be well adapted to floods, which may break up individual. It uses large amounts of water from its wet habitat. It is capable of growing in dense stands, which may crowd out other plants and prevent their recruitment. This plant is listed by the U.S. federal government or a state as noxious weed.

