



Weed & Pest

Noxious Weed Information Series



Arundo (*Arundo donax*)



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

CONTROL			
BIOLOGICAL	None		
CHEMICAL	<i>Stage</i>	<i>Herbicide</i>	<i>Timing</i>
	Actively growing	Imazapyr (Habitat) Glyphosate (Roundup, Rodeo, many others)	Fall

CONTROL			
CULTURAL	Prevention Removal - make sure the entire root is removed. Must be repeated as new plants germinate.		
MECHANICAL	<i>Stage</i>	<i>Method</i>	<i>Timing</i>
Burning	N/A		
Grazing	N/A		
Mowing	N/A		

Use all chemicals according to the manufacturer's label.

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