

Invasive Plants of Cottonwood Creek



Arundo donax
a.k.a. *Giant Reed*,
or *False Bamboo*

- ❖ Perennial grass, native to India
- ❖ Height can reach over 20 ft.



- ❖ Introduced in L.A. as ornamental – early 1800s
- ❖ Reproduces primarily through rhizomes which root and sprout readily
- ❖ Root & stem fragments can float miles downstream and initiate new infestations