



Arundo donax

Common Name(s):

giant reed

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Aquatic: Emergent. Moist forest communities, lowland and coastal forest, streamside and gully communities, intertidal areas, shrublands, alluvial areas, roadsides, farm hedges, wastelands domestic gardens, coastal areas in general. Prefers areas where the soil does not dry out completely.

Features:

Clump-forming bamboo-like grass to 8 m. Root mass dense, rhizomes short. Stems erect, becoming semi-lax, woody. Leaves alternate, 30-90 x 5 cm, parallel veins, bamboo-like, bluish-green (white-striped form is common in cultivation). Seedhead terminal, fluffy.

Flowering:

April

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3474



Caption: Algies Bay, Auckland
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