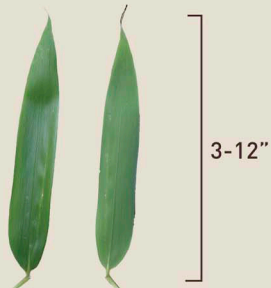




Seeds



Height range 3-30'



Giant Cane

Arundinaria gigantea

The Grass Family (Poaceae)

Basic Description: Tall, perennial grass, also called River Cane, with alternate, lance-shaped, evergreen leaves and woody, green, segmented stems.

Interesting Facts: Only bamboo native to the U.S. found in dense thickets (canebrakes). Used for making fishing poles, baskets, mats and was a valuable building material for southern Native American tribes. Young shoots edible, seeds used as flour, and root extract used for kidney ailments. Host to the Southern Pearly-eye Butterfly.

Flower: Green spikelets, 1.5 to 2.5", scaly, on long slender stalks; blooms sporadically in the spring.

Fruit: A single dry seed (a caryopsis) maturing in spring; plant dies after fruiting.

Wildlife Value: Vital cover for large and small mammals, birds, reptiles and insects. Used as nesting material by birds; seeds and shoots eaten by mammals and birds.

Habitat: River banks, damp woods and bogs.

LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



POLLINATOR

WIND



WILDLIFE VALUE

HIGH

