

***Arundinaria gigantea*** (Walt.) Muhl.

Giant cane

Poaceae (Grass Family)

USDA Symbol: ARGI

USDA Native Status: Native to U.S.

A woody perennial from hard, tough rhizomes, forming open to dense colonies. The slender stems are 3-25 ft. tall, at first unbranched, later branching and forming fanlike clusters. Basal leaves and those on primary branches are short and narrow; upper leaves are longer and wider. Spikelets occur on long, slender stalks, flowering at infrequent intervals. Flowering stems die after seeds mature.

## PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

**Duration:** Perennial

**Habit:** Grass/Grass-like

**Root Type:** Fibrous

**Leaf Retention:** Evergreen

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Complexity:** Simple

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Venation:** Parallel

**Inflorescence:** Spike

**Fruit Type:** Caryopsis

**Leaf:** Green

**Flower:**

**Fruit:**

**Size Class:** 3-6 ft.

## BLOOM INFORMATION

**Bloom Color:** Green

**Bloom Time:** Feb , Mar , Apr , May

**Bloom Notes:** Bloom: dark green

## DISTRIBUTION

**USA:** AL , AR , DE , FL , GA , IL , IN , KS , KY , LA , MD , MO , MS , NC , NJ , NY , OH , OK , SC , TN , TX , VA , WV

**Native Distribution:** MD to s. IL, s. to FL & TX

**Native Habitat:** River banks; damp woods; bogs

**USDA Native Status:** L48(N)

## GROWING CONDITIONS

**Water Use:** Medium

**Light Requirement:** Part Shade

**Soil Moisture:** Wet

**CaCO<sub>3</sub> Tolerance:** Low

**Soil Description:** Wet soils.

**Conditions Comments:** Not Available

## PROPAGATION

**Description:** Not Available

**Seed Collection:** Not Available

**Seed Treatment:** Not Available

**Commercially Avail:** yes

**SOURCE:** [http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=ARGI](http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ARGI)