

Bambusa oldhamii

COMMON NAME

Oldham's bamboo

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Bambusa oldhamii Munro

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

BAMOLD

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

A very large bamboo, probably the largest naturalised species but not particularly invasive. Forms dense clumps rather than spreading over extensive areas. Stems (culm internodes) round, several branches per node with one usually much larger than the others. Oblong lanceolate leaves, not glaucous or hairy.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Clump-forming bamboo, forming clumps but not running extensively.

Stems usually 10–13 m but can be taller and 4–8 cm diameter; several branches at each node, usually >1 m long. **Culm sheaths** very large and, on bigger shoots, may have black hairs that are soon shed (caducous).

Leaf-blade oblong-lanceolate, 8–18 cm long 1.5–3 cm wide, green and not hairy.

YEAR NATURALISED

1991

ORIGIN

South China

ETYMOLOGY

bambusa: Derived from the Malay name for this plant

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/bambusa-oldhamii/>



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