

# Bambusa oldhamii

## COMMON NAMES

Oldham's bamboo

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Bambusa oldhamii* Munro

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## NVS CODE

BAMOLD

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## SIMPLIFIED 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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