

INVASIVE BAMBOOS

*A practical guide to their impact and management
in Great Britain and Ireland*

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Bamboo has become a popular planting choice among designers and landscapers, gardeners and the general public. Many bamboos can be highly invasive and can impact negatively on the built environment and local habitats (see above – running bamboo rhizomes under paving close to a house). This book aims to outline the darker side of bamboo's nature and offers practical advice on how to deal with it. The book provides an overview of bamboo history, biology and ecology, and highlights why planting some species of bamboo can be particularly problematic. It supplies useful guidance for those who have planted, or wish to plant, bamboo, as well as giving practical advice for those wishing to rid themselves of the plant. Many people who buy (and sell) bamboo are not aware of how invasive and destructive many bamboos can be. This book seeks to raise the profile of these plants, constructively and helpfully.

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