

Giant Thorny Bamboo

Common name: Giant Thorny Bamboo, Indian Thorny Bamboo

Botanical name: *Bambusa bambos*

Family: Bambuseae; **Name in Tamil:** *Moongil*



Field identification: Tall, graceful, thorny bamboo. Culms (Stalks of grasses and bamboo) bright green, crowded, shining, 28-34 m x 15-17.5 cm diameter, 2.5 cm thick, curving at the top. Thorny lower branches are long and wiry. Leaves are lance-shaped, 7-18 cm long, 1-1.8 cm wide, with a longpointed tip.

Location on campus: On South Road, East End Road, 714, Edward Gault Drive.

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