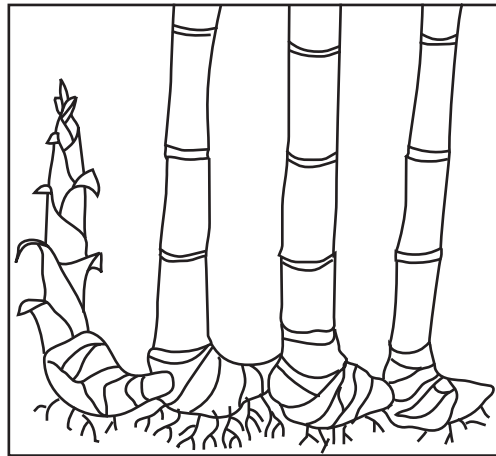


Managing Bamboo

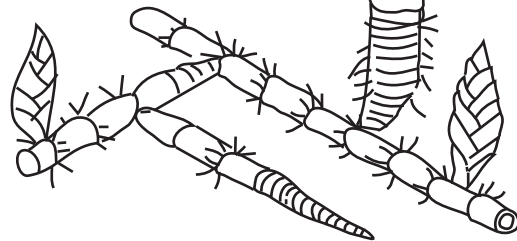


Clumping Bamboo

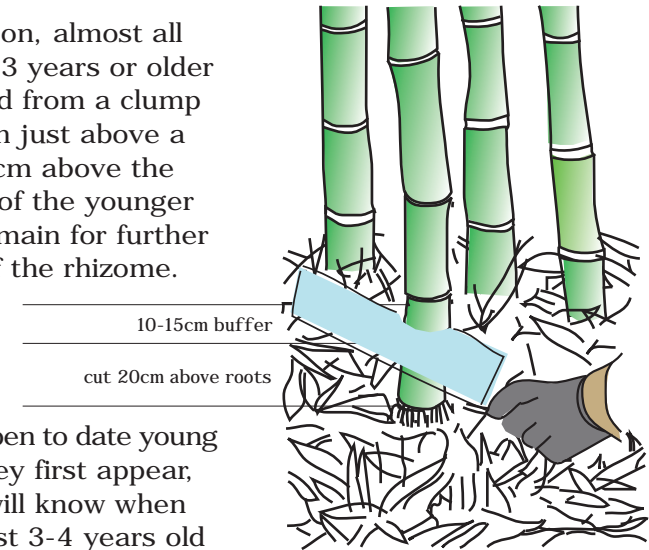
Clumping bamboos are non-invasive. They do not ruin buildings, they grow very fast when young and the culms are larger than those of the running bamboo. They require little maintenance, although simple clump management will benefit both the grower and the bamboos.

Running Bamboo

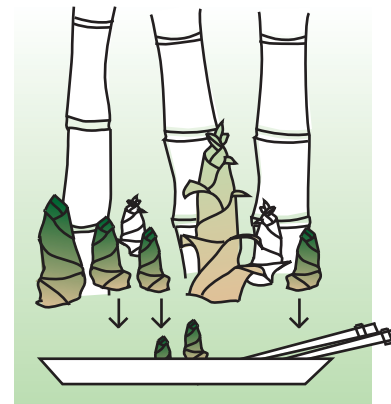
is more prevalent in temperate climates, can be extremely invasive, great for erosion control.



In the dry season, almost all culms that are 3 years or older can be removed from a clump by cutting them just above a node about 20cm above the ground. Some of the younger ones should remain for further nourishment of the rhizome.



Use a marking pen to date young culms when they first appear, that way you will know when they are at least 3-4 years old without having to guess.



In the shooting season, remove any shoots that are going to create overcrowding (many species are edible, cooked). Leave only the shoots of good diameter which have potential to produce straight strong poles for timber use.