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Bamboos can be controlled by spraying with a solution containing 2,2-DPA. This is a non-poisonous powder which is sold under various trade names by agricultural chemical firms.

A suitable mixture is made by dissolving 2 oz. of 2,2-DPA in one gallon of water and this is sufficient to treat 30 square yards. The addition of a teaspoon of wetting agent, such as a household detergent, helps the chemical stick to the leaf.

2,2-DPA is absorbed by the leaf and translocated into the root area. It is a slow acting herbicide and little effect is seen for a number of weeks.

Best results are obtained if the old canes are cut off at ground level and the new growth sprayed when it is 3 to 4 feet tall.

At this rate of application most garden plants would be damaged and care should be taken to prevent the spray drifting onto such areas.

Spray equipment used should be thoroughly washed with warm soapy water soon after use to prevent contamination.
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