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Article Title: Who Wants to Talk About Reeds?

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Summary (Outline form):

* Nothing really new written about reeds these days
* Reeds are called Arundo Donax
* Made of slow growing grass that takes 3-5 years to become cane
* Has hard layers mixed with soft layers and wax inside that makes it shiny
* Reed is the vibrator, very important to sound
* Air is pushed through reed into instrument
* Selecting reed
  + - * Needs to have straight fibers
      * Not be brown or green
      * Butt end should have high arch
      * Heart should have inverted u shape
      * 2-2.5 for beginners and 3-3.5 for advanced to intermediate
    - Test reed
      * Make sure it lines up and seals properly with mouthpiece
      * Test balance of reed
      * If too soft, clip end or slide up
    - Soak reed before playing and you can fix warped reed.