

## Bryan Dickerson

---

**From:** Stelts, Dawn M <dms7301@psu.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2022 9:34 AM  
**To:** Bryan Dickerson  
**Subject:** RE: Invasive Species Question

Hello Bryan,

I do not see *Fargesia* flagged at the following databases:

<https://www.invasive.org/>  
<https://www.paimapinvasives.org/what-is-imap>  
<https://plants.sc.egov.usda.gov/home>

We have no Pandas to dine on the Chinese bamboo so it will likely serve as only ornament in our landscape. That footprint of the landscape will not increase the genetic diversity across our native plant communities that need all our support with human and climate impacts. Exotics are less likely to move the energy from the sun up our local food chain by feeding and housing our local insects and fauna.

Here is an assignment for my new Master Gardener class that helps them understand research based strategies in managing the home landscape.

Doug Tallamy from U of Delaware, translates good stewardship practices for gardeners:  
<https://letsargueaboutplants.libsyn.com/episode-120-an-interview-with-doug-tallamy>

Heather Holm is a contemporary researcher who practices supportive gardening practices and translates them for home gardeners: <https://awaytogarden.com/bee-friendly-garden-care-with-heather-holm/>

It's nice to know Brick Township is staying on top of the plant thugs in our ecosystems. Please let iMapInvasives know if you begin to see *Fargesia* moving across the landscape.

Have a lovely Thanksgiving,

**Dawn Stelts**

Master Gardener Coordinator and Master Watershed Steward Coordinator



**PennState Extension**

Montgomery County  
1015 Bridge Road, Suite H  
Collegeville, PA 19426

Office: (610) 489-4315  
Direct Line: 484-971-6522  
Cell: (484) 961-0071  
Email: [dms7301@psu.edu](mailto:dms7301@psu.edu)

*Penn State Extension is dedicated to translating scientific research into real-world applications and education. Educational content — such as articles, videos and online courses — can be accessed anytime, anywhere at the Penn State Extension website. If you have questions or need assistance, call 877-345-0691, or find your county office phone and email contacts online.*

**From:** Bryan Dickerson <bdickerson@twp.brick.nj.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2022 8:15 AM  
**To:** Stelts, Dawn M <dms7301@psu.edu>  
**Subject:** Invasive Species Question

You don't often get email from [bdickerson@twp.brick.nj.us](mailto:bdickerson@twp.brick.nj.us). [Learn why this is important](#)

Good Morning Ms. Stelts,

I originally directed this question to Penn State Extension main website and was referred to you by them.

I am the Acting Code Enforcement Supervisor for Brick Township, New Jersey. Our Municipal Code prohibits invasive species including bamboo. Specifically the Code states:

§ 233-2 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

INVASIVE PLANTS

All native and non-native vines and vegetation that grow out of place and are competitive, persistent, and pernicious. These plants may damage trees, vegetation, or structures. Examples include but are not limited to bamboo (spreading or running type), ragweed, multi flora rose, kudzu-vine and poison ivy or oak.

In recent days, a question has arisen as to whether or not the bamboo species *Fargesia Scabrida* is considered a "spreading or running type" of bamboo and thus would be prohibited by Chapter 233-2 of the Municipal Code. Can you provide us with any guidance or information on this particular species of bamboo? Is *Fargesia Scabrida* a spreading type of bamboo?

Feel free to call me if you would like to discuss this.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Bryan Dickerson  
Acting Code Enforcement Supervisor  
Division of Inspections  
Township of Brick  
401 Chambers Bridge Road  
Brick, NJ 08723  
PH 732-262-1010

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

## Bryan Dickerson

---

**From:** Servidio, Susan <SServidio@co.ocean.nj.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2022 10:18 AM  
**To:** Bryan Dickerson  
**Cc:** DougZemeckis; Dixon, Patricia  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Home/Lawn/Garden Question (NJAES)

Dear Mr. Dickerson,

Thank you for your inquiry. As per the factsheet from North Carolina State, *Fargesia scabrida* is a clumping bamboo.

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/fargesia-scabrida/>

In this link, the University of Maryland discusses running clumping types of Bamboo- <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/containing-and-removing-bamboo> and states that Clumping Bamboo is not considered Invasive.

This link is not from an educational site, but rather from a company that specializes in bamboo plants- <https://www.bamboogarden.com/bamboo/fargesia-sp-scabrida>

I hope this helps.

Happy planting and smoosh those Spotted Lanternflies!

*Susan Emhardt-Servidio*

Susan Emhardt-Servidio  
Horticulturist and Rutgers Master Gardener Program Coordinator  
Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County  
1623 Whitesville Rd  
Toms River, NJ 08755  
732-349-1246

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RCEOceanCounty/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/rceoceancounty/>

---

**From:** Douglas Zemeckis <zemeckis@njaes.rutgers.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2022 8:16:26 AM  
**To:** Servidio, Susan; Dixon, Patricia  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fw: Home/Lawn/Garden Question (NJAES)

This message has originated from an **External Source**. Please use proper judgment and caution when opening attachments, clicking links, or responding to this email.

---

---

Douglas Zemeckis, Ph.D. | County Agent III (Assistant Professor)  
Marine Extension Agent for Ocean, Atlantic, and Monmouth Counties  
Co-County Extension Department Head (Co-CEDH) - Ocean County

Cooperative Extension of Ocean County  
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
1623 Whitesville Road, Toms River, NJ 08755, USA  
zemeckis@njaes.rutgers.edu | 732-349-1152 (Office)



# RUTGERS

New Jersey Agricultural  
Experiment Station  
**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

---

**From:** webmaster@njaes.rutgers.edu <webmaster@njaes.rutgers.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2022 8:07 AM  
**To:** Douglas Zemeckis <zemeckis@njaes.rutgers.edu>  
**Subject:** Home/Lawn/Garden Question (NJAES)

**Name:** Bryan Dickerson  
**Email:** bdickerson@twp.brick.nj.us  
**State:** NJ  
**County:** Ocean

**Type of Inquiry:** garden

**Question/Comment:** Dear Sir or Madam, I am the Acting Supervisor for Code Enforcement for the Township of Brick and I am writing to inquire about invasive species of bamboo. Currently the Township of Brick's Municipal Code prohibits spreading or running types of bamboo as being invasive species. Recently a question has arisen as to whether the species Fargesia Scabrida is an invasive species/form of bamboo. Is Fargesia Scabrida an invasive species of bamboo? Feel free to call me at 732-262-1010 if you would like to discuss further. Thank you.

**Referer:** <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/>

**Datestamp:** Tue, 15 Nov 2022 08:07:52 -0500

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.