

JAPANESE KNOTWEED

Fallopia japonica



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Mature Height	Over 10 feet	Soil Type	All disturbed areas
Mature Spread	Forms large thickets	Flower Color	White
Mature Form		Foliage Color	Green
Growth Rate	Very Rapid	Fall Color	Brown (dead)
Sun Exposure	Prefers sun, Tolerates full shade		
Soil Moisture	Prefers Moist		

Japanese Knotweed is an upright herbaceous shrub like plant that often reaches 12 feet in height. The stems take on a bamboo like appearance. It spreads primarily by vegetative means through rhizomes and quickly forms dense thickets that exclude all other vegetation. Preferring moist areas, it rapidly colonizes streambanks and adjacent areas. Although it prefers moist areas it will grow in any soil condition and sunlight condition and is found in utility rights of way, road sides, yards and field edges. It is often spread in contaminated fill material. Small new infestations can be controlled with difficulty by grubbing all roots and rhizomes. Larger infestations require foliar spray or cut stump treatment with a systemic herbicide such as glyphosate or triclopyr following label directions. Infestations near water areas require herbicides labeled for use near water.



Blooming Plant



Stems emerging through Asphalt



Bamboo like stalks

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