

KNOTWEED, JAPANESE (*Fallopia japonica*)



- Rhizomatous, semi-woody, herbaceous perennial in the Buckwheat Family that grows to 3 m in height; “bamboo-like” stems are green to reddish-brown and spotted; leaves are egg-shaped, stalked, 10 cm to 15 cm long, flattened or rounded at the base with a pointed tip and are dark green above and lighter green below; greenish to creamy-white flowers are produced in clusters from the leaf axils
- An escaped ornamental originating from eastern Asia, Japanese knotweed forms aggressive, dense thickets maintained by extensive and deep, creeping rhizomes. New shoots are known to penetrate thick asphalt