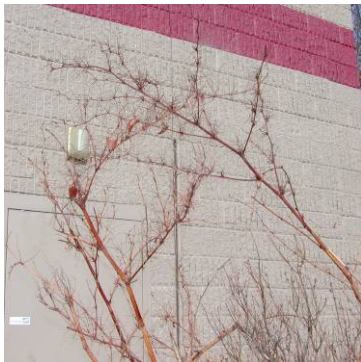


# NOT-WANTED!

## JAPANESE KNOTWEED

*Polygonum cuspidatum*

**EARLY DETECTION & CONTROL WILL PREVENT INFESTATIONS!**



**Japanese knotweed** is a shrub-like Asian perennial. It spreads by horizontal **rhizomes**, up to 65 feet long. Emerging sprouts in spring look like asparagus. Pinkish “collars” are prominent on emerging sprouts and at the point of leaf attachment on stems in the summer. Stems resemble **bamboo**, growing ten feet tall and over one inch in diameter. Dies back each winter; easily spotted in the early spring. Whitish blooms similar to Japanese lilac spikes in late fall.

Japanese knotweed hybridizes with giant knotweed (*P. sachalinense*) producing Bohemian knotweed (*P. x bohemicum*); all are invasive. Hybrids may produce seeds which are surrounded by 4 papery wings.

**Control Methods:** Dig small patches. Dry prior to disposal or burn. Do not compost! For larger patches, cut in late spring/early summer and immediately treat stumps with 18% glyphosate herbicide. Repeat cutting and treating in late summer/early fall. Repeat in following years if necessary. Any piece of root undug or untreated will resprout.

Knotweeds spread through riparian corridors, fens, springs, ravines, forests and stream banks, sometimes completely blocking access. They are extremely difficult to eradicate once established.

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