

# EXTREMELY INVASIVE JAPANESE KNOTWEED (*FALLOPIA JAPONICA*)



Please help stop the spread of this perennial, fast growing plant with heart shaped leaves and white flowers emerging in July. The seeds mature and disperse in August and September.

Japanese knotweed spreads through rhizomes, seeds, and fragments which take root very easily in any damp soils.

This weed takes over open spaces, wetlands, and meadows. It crowds out all other beneficial, native plants. Its thick and very strong roots can destroy roads, walkways, and foundations.

Although it is unrealistic to expect quick eradication, we can start by repeatedly cutting it down, especially before and during flowering season. To stop further spreading, all cuttings need to be burned or placed in a black plastic bag and exposed to the sun until no longer viable, and then disposed of along with household waste.