

Knotweed Complex

Fallopia spp./ *Polygonum*

Polygonaceae (Knotweed Family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious

Knotweed, Giant — *Fallopia sachalinensis*
knotweed, hybrid Japanese — *Fallopia x bohemica*
knotweed, Japanese — *Fallopia japonica*



- **Life cycle:** Herbaceous perennial.
- **Root:** Rhizomatous.
- **Leaves:** Alternate, stalked, broadly oval to triangular and pointed at the tip. Giant knotweed leaves are 30cm or longer and 2/3 as wide. Japanese knotweed leaves are 15cm long by 7-10cm wide. Himalayan knotweed leaves are 10-20cm long with tapered and elongated tips, basal leaves slightly heart-shaped, and often with soft hairs on veins, margins and lower surfaces.
- **Stems:** Hollow, smooth, weakly woody, jointed, swollen at nodes, 3.5m or taller, base surrounded by membranous sheath.
- **Flower:** Small greenish white flowers in sprays at branch tip. Japanese knotweed inflorescence is larger than that of giant knotweed; the flowers are prominently winged, and their size increases significantly with age.
- **Seed/Fruit:** Black with ribs.
- **Toxic:** Horses, cattle, goats.