
Habitat: Thriving on moist, well-drained, nutrient-rich soil, Japanese knotweed grows in roadsides, waste areas, and untended gardens, particularly on shaded banks. .

General Description: A fast-growing, aggressive, rhizomatous perennial reaching 6 ft. in height, also forming dense clumps in which little or no vegetation survives.

Distinctive Characteristics: Small white flowers are produced in elongated erect clusters (panicles) arising from the leaf axils which bloom in late summer. Stems are hollow and jointed, bamboo-like, and stout. The leaves are alternate, broadly egg-shaped.

Growth Habit: Subshrub, Forb/Herb

Distribution: Found throughout the Northeast, west to California, and south to Maryland.

Japanese Knotweed *Polygonum cuspidatum*



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Family: Polygonaceae (Buckwheat Family)