

# Japanese knotweed

**WARNING**  
Highly Invasive

## Species Profile

**Habitat:** Terrestrial plant that spreads rapidly along embankments, riversides and urban areas.

**Family:** Polygonaceae (*Fallopia japonica*)

**Reproduction:** Spreads via fragments of rhizome or stems.

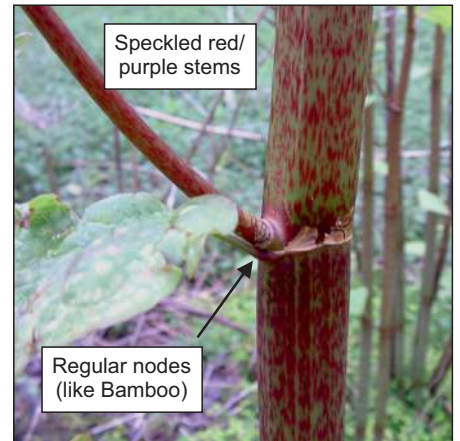
## Identifying Features

**Leaves:** 10 to 15cm in length, green shovel-shape leaves with pointed tips and a flat base. Arranged in a zig-zag formation.

**Stem:** Bamboo stem, green with red/purple mottled colour, hollow. Grow between 2 and 3 metres.

**Flowers:** Small creamy/white in colour, groups of panicles. Clusters grow approx. 0.5cm wide and up to 10cm long.

**Roots:** White shoots emerging from the rhizome. Bright orange inside rhizome. Fragments have the ability to regrow.



## Key Features to identify Japanese Knotweed

