

Japanese knotweed

WARNING
Rapid Growth

Spring

The fastest Japanese knotweed growth is during the spring. New shoots that emerge are red/purple and can look like asparagus spears. The leaves are normally rolled up and dark green or red in colour. In late spring, canes can reach up to 3 metres (10 feet) high. The pictures below show Japanese knotweed in spring.

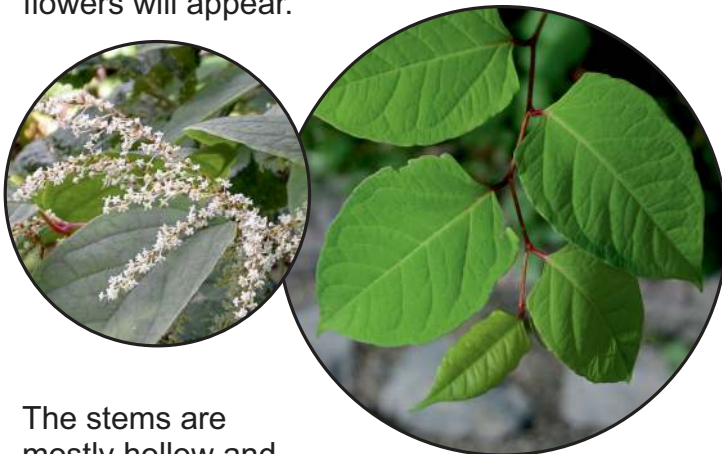


Autumn

During late autumn and the beginning of winter the knotweed canes die off and the weed becomes dormant. The leaves turn yellow, then brown and fall off. The canes are hollow, dark brown and brittle and they collapse upon one another.

Summer

During the summer the knotweed leaves are green and heart/shovel shaped and can be 20cm across. In late summer early autumn small clusters of white flowers will appear.



The stems are mostly hollow and similar to bamboo. The general growth habit has a distinctive zigzag appearance.

Winter

In Autumn the dense covering of leaves will remain, however, they start to turn yellow and wilt as we move into September and October.



The knotweed plants are still about 2-3 metres tall and the hollow stems start to turn brown.

