

Japanese Knotweed

Fallopia japonica

Invasive Characteristics

Quickly forms dense thickets and establishes an extensive root system making removal very difficult.

Description

Reddish purple shoots rapidly forming into dense stands of bamboo-like stems with green heart or shield-shaped leaves.

How It Spreads

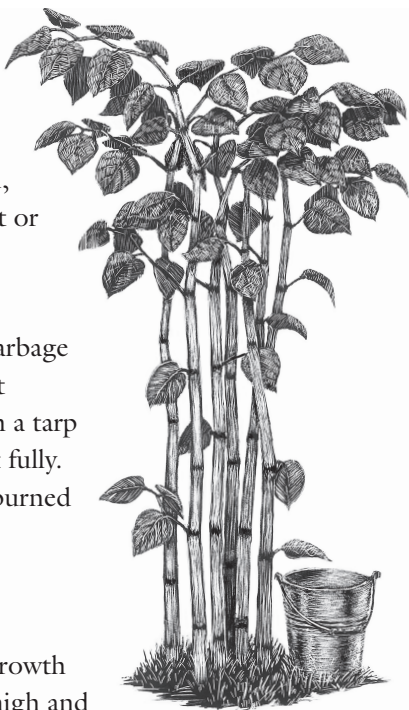
Via its vigorous root system or by pieces washed down stream, moved by equipment or in contaminated fill.

Disposal

Put cut stems into garbage bags and allow to rot completely or pile on a tarp and let them dry out fully. Dried stems can be burned or monitored or any re-sprouting.

Eradication

Cut above-ground growth to just a few inches high and follow up with properly-timed herbicide treatments.



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