

JAPANESE KNOTWEED



spring - new shoots

Root Buds

Early Spring

- 1-3cm round buds at stem base
- pink/red buds



summer - zig-zag pattern

Stem

Spring

- new fleshy shoots
- dark red/green

Summer

- max height 2-3m
- green with red/purple specks
- hollow stems
- zig-zag pattern
- forms dense clumps

Winter

- dead, light brown hollow stalks



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Leaves

New Leaves (first 1-3 weeks)

- dark red
- 1 to 4cm long

Young Leaves

- alternate
- green with dark red veins
- 3 to 7cm long

Mature Leaves

- alternate
- green heart-shaped
- 12cm long

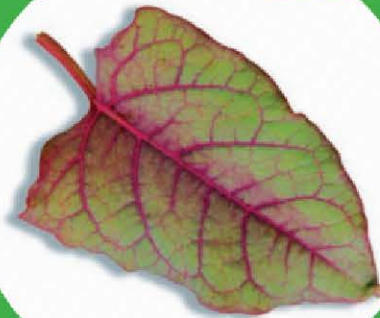
new leaf



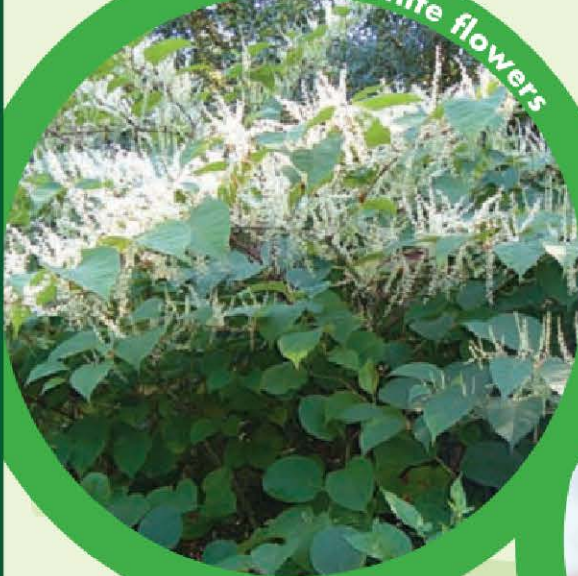
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young leaf



creamy white flowers



Flowers

Late Summer

- creamy white, 0.5cm wide
- spike of small flowers
- spike length 10cm

rhizome (root)



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- few mm to 20cm in diameter
- inside orange/yellow
- easy to snap (like a carrot)

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