

# Japanese knotweed

*Fallopia japonica*

\* Compare to *Fallopia sachalinensis*. Also grows as a compact variety (var. *ompacta*)

**VERY INVASIVE – upcoming in the Arrowhead**

Invasive habitat: moist, disturbed soils such as in fields, along roads and railroads,. Grows in wetlands and riparian areas.

Native range: Asia



Found in gardens in the Arrowhead, more common in Lake Co.



## IDENTIFICATION



Growth form: shrub-like perennial herbaceous plant. New reddish-brown hollow stems grow annually to be over 10' tall.



Flowers: greenish-white flowers grow in clusters from leaf axils near the end of stems in late summer



Leaves: alternate broad (6"X4") oval leaves



Seeds: primarily spreads vegetatively from its long, stout rhizomes. Also spreads by seed as well as root or shoot fragments.

## CONTROL



Manual: not recommended; extensive root system will regenerate shoots.



Chemical: Milestone and Arsenal are effective.



Prescribed fire: little information; would need repeated burning in combination with other control.



Biological: testing underway.



Mechanical: ineffective; will resprout and may spread.



Cultural: a popular garden plant – do NOT plant. Roots and shoots can grow through and spilt your house's foundation.