

Fallopia japonica

Japanese Knotweed,
Bamboo

Plant



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Look for a thick bush that grows up to 3 m tall. The stems grow in a zig-zag pattern. The leaves grow from the points of the zig-zag.

Leaves



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Look for leaves that are large (up to 18 cm long and 12 cm wide) and spade shaped with an abrupt narrowed leaf tip and smooth edges. The leaves will be alternately arranged with no hairs on the underside.

Seasonal Change



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In Sept. and Oct. look for small white flowers that grow in finger-like bunches that are generally longer than the leaf below. After Nov. look for standing dead stems.

Fallopia sachalinensis

Giant Knotweed

Plant



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These plants grow 2-5 m tall. That means they can grow over twice as tall as the average NBA basketball player (average player is 2 m or 6'7")!

Leaves



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Look for leaves 15-40 cm (much bigger than a hand) that are an elongated heart shape with smooth edges. Look on undersides of young leaves for short, thin, light-colored hairs growing from the raised veins.

Seasonal Change



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In the early fall look for clusters of small, white flowers that are generally shorter than the leaf just below.