

# Knotweed

*Polygonum spp.*

## Identification

- Broad, oval leaves with pointed tips
- Reddish-green or reddish-purple stems that are hollow and resemble bamboo
- Creamy white flowers grow in a plume

## Potential impacts

- Outcompetes crops and native plants
- Spreads quickly
- Difficult to remove once established
- Erosion and native wildlife habitat degradation

## Removal

- Dig out roots, **carefully removing all rhizomes (underground stems) and fragments**
- Removal can increase spread and density of the plant unless great care is taken to properly remove rhizomes
- Put all plant matter in a sealed bag in trash bins instead of compost to prevent spread



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