

Knotweed Comparison Chart			
	Japanese knotweed	Bohemian knotweed	Giant knotweed
Leaves	<p>6 in. long, 3-4 in wide</p> <p>Broadly oval to triangular with a truncated base and a tapered tip</p> <p>Single-celled hairs mainly as bumps along veins on underside of leaf</p>	<p>4-8 in long</p> <p>Square to heart shaped base. Blunt to tapered tip. Shape varies along the stems</p> <p>Hairs short and broad-based (triangular-shaped) on underside of leaf. Appear to be single celled</p>	<p>6 to 16 in long</p> <p>Heart-shaped base and a blunt leaf tip</p> <p>Thin, wavy, multicellular hairs on underside of leaf. Hairs tend to drop off as the plants mature</p>
Stems	<p>To 10 ft</p> <p>Branched</p> <p>Hollow between nodes</p> <p>Reddish brown</p> <p>Nodes swollen with papery sheaths</p>	<p>6-12 ft</p> <p>Branched</p> <p>Hollow between nodes</p> <p>Reddish brown</p> <p>Nodes with papery sheaths</p>	<p>To 16+ ft</p> <p>Sparingly branched</p> <p>Hollow between nodes</p> <p>Light green</p> <p>Smooth</p>
Flowers	<p>Cream or greenish white to pink</p> <p>In axis</p> <p>Flower clusters longer than leaves</p> <p>Aug-Sept</p>	<p>Cream or greenish white to pink</p> <p>In axis</p> <p>Flower clusters about same length as leaves</p> <p>July-Oct</p>	<p>Cream to greenish white</p> <p>In axis</p> <p>Flower clusters shorter than leaves</p> <p>July-Oct</p>
Scientific Name	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	<i>Fallopia ×bohemica</i>	<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>
Synonyms	<p><i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i></p> <p><i>Reynoutria japonica</i></p>	<p><i>Polygonum ×bohemicum</i></p> <p><i>Reynoutria x bohemica</i></p>	<p><i>Polygonum sachalinense</i></p> <p><i>Reynoutria sachalinensis</i></p>

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