Watch Out For...

Japanese Knotweed

DESCRIPTION:

- Shrub-like plant that grows 4-10 feet tall
- Stems are hollow and look like bamboo
- Leaves are heart-shaped with a pointed tip
- Grows in grasslands, woodlands, and along shores and banks
- Also known as: Japanese bamboo, fleece flower, or crimson beauty
- Native to Asia

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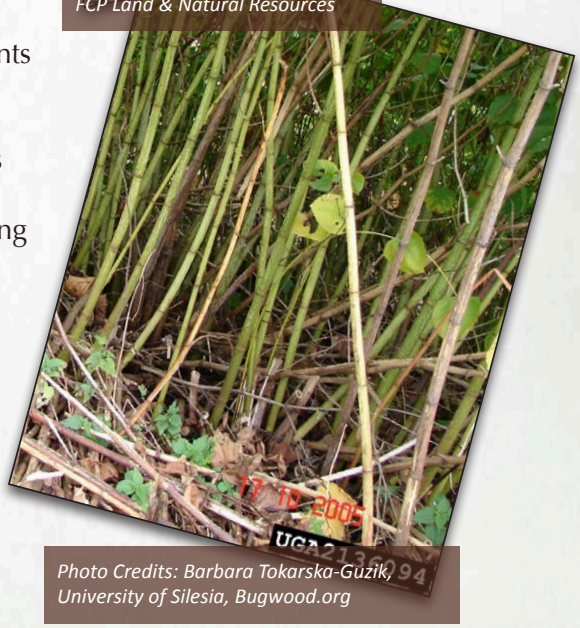
IMPACT:

- Can grow up through concrete, causing damage to homes, roads, and other structures
- Grows very close together, leaving no room for other plants
- Doesn't hold the soil as well as native plants, so there is more erosion in places where it grows
- Hard to remove – new plants can grow from small pieces of the root
- Puts chemicals in the soil to stop other plants from growing next to it



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WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Report sightings to FCP Natural Resources at (715) 478-7222
- Don't plant Japanese knotweed in your landscaping
- If you're trimming or removing Japanese knotweed, all plant parts should be bagged and put in a dumpster or trash can – If you live on the reservation, you can throw this in your trash; otherwise check with your garbage company or landfill for their plant disposal rules