

# Stop the Knot(weed)

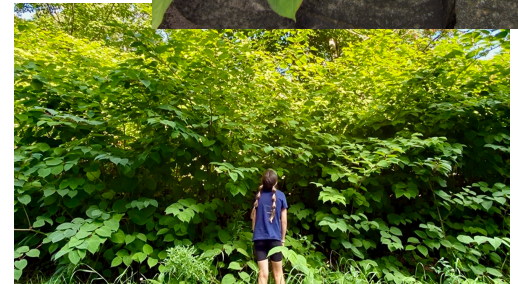
Help stop the spread of Japanese knotweed (*Reynotria japonica*) in Blowing Rock



## Concern

Japanese knotweed (*Reynotria japonica*) is in Blowing Rock. Together we can slow the spread of this highly invasive plant. Large and fast-spreading, this plant can do extensive damage to property and the environment; its roots can break through concrete, it forms a dense canopy and is allelopathic — releasing chemicals which inhibits the growth other plants, creating a dead-zone which can take years to recover even after the plant is removed.

It can damage buildings, walls, driveways, and sidewalks. Left untended only increases the damage that will be done and the cost of removal. The best strategy is to remove it as quickly as possible. Until it blooms, the plant is unremarkable and easy to over look. Once it blooms you need to act fast, the showy flowers make it easier to identify and speed the removal process.



Emerging in April, this innocent-looking plant grows fast, reaching 8-10 feet in three months

## What to do

### Property owners

Only the smallest plants can be removed by digging. The preferred approach is apply herbicide to the area, and monitor for re-growth. Repeat this process throughout the growing season, be prepared to repeat for 1-2 seasons. The Town of Blowing Rock maintains lists of services that can remove Japanese Knotweed, contact information below.

### Public spaces

The Town of Blowing Rock will address patches found on public land within town limits, and can refer property owners to services that can assist with removal on private land.

Any sightings of Japanese Knotweed in the town of Blowing Rock can be submitted online via the Blowing Rock Garden Club's website: [blowingrockgardenclub.org/invasives/](http://blowingrockgardenclub.org/invasives/)



Flowers: July - September

## Contact

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## Highlights



### Partner Organizations

Blowing Rock Garden Club  
Town of Blowing Rock



### Plant facts

Roots can extend as much as 10' below grade. 2/3 of the plants biomass is often underground.