

# INVASIVE PLANT



## ORIGINATED

Native to Japan & China, it spread to the UK first and then the US in the 1900's.

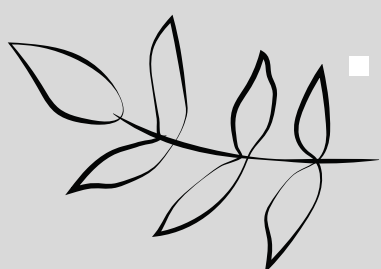


## HOW DOES IT SPREAD

Seeds can be picked up by the wind or pass through animals that have eaten them. Also spreads through extensive underground rhizomes (roots) that can grow over 10 ft.

## ISSUES WITH THE ENVIRONMENT

It can grow in dense populations, overtaking a habitat, making it hard for other plants to grow in surrounding areas.



## FUN FACT #1

If you leave just one tiny piece of rhizome behind, it'll grow a new plant which will then spread like mad crazy.

## COMMONLY LOCATED

Found in moist places, open to partially shaded areas. It can live in high temperatures and disturbed areas of wetlands.

## REMEDIES TO USE

It is best to uproot the plants and pour salt into the holes to prevent more root growth.



## HOW STRONG IS IT?

Japanese knotweed is more than capable of growing through walls, even concrete.

## FUN FACT #2

Knotweed is edible and is used to treat bronchitis, gum disease, and sore mouth and throats.