

Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*), originally from Asia, is a non-native invasive species that has established extensive stands along many of the major streams traveling through the Catskill Mountains in just the last ten to twenty years. Private landowners and resource managers worry that Japanese knotweed has negative impacts on streambank stability, stream access and diversity of plants and animals in riparian (streamside) areas. Japanese knotweed is also found along roads where it blocks safe sight distances and requires frequent maintenance to keep it at bay. The photos below are good examples of Japanese knotweed throughout the year.

The starting point and least costly strategy is to prevent Japanese knotweed from becoming established anywhere new. Please review the attached **brochure** on suggestions for prevention. Also keep in mind that any bare stream bank is susceptible to knotweed colonization. Planting bare soil with native vegetation can prevent unwanted inhabitants. Please see the **riparian buffer section** for appropriate species and instructions about planting streamside areas.

The Japanese Knotweed Initiative hosts occasional conference calls with guest speakers about knotweed management. Call announcements and informative emails are shared in a YahooGroup listserv – updelweed@yahoogroups.com. Email Jamie Myers to be added to the list: Jamie_Myers@nps.gov.

Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District – This website includes a literature review, regional meeting presentations and notes, study summaries and control recommendations. <http://www.gcsxcd.com/stream/knotweed/>

The Nature Conservancy – This website has several articles and resources about Japanese knotweed, including a variety of images. <http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/esadocs/polycusp.html>

Adirondack Plant Invasive Plant Partnership - factsheet
<http://www.adkinvasives.com/terrestrial/PlantID/Knotweed.asp>

Oregon TNC & the Sandy River
<http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/success/or002.html>

The Knotweed page (Jennifer Forman Orth's site) <http://www.knottybits.com/Knotweed/>

Academy of Natural Sciences (James McNair)
<http://www.acnatsci.org/~mcnair/adaptman.html>

Knotweed Control Forum (Cornwall, England) <http://www.ex.ac.uk/knotweed/> AND
<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/knotweed/japforum.htm>