

# **Japanese Knotweed**

**Japanese Knotweed a beautiful plant or a destructive menace...**

**This plant sits in both camps and everywhere in between.**

**What do you think?**



## **Cons**

- **Invasive** – it blocks sunlight and restricts water to other plants therefore inhibiting their growth.
- **Prolific seed spreader** – as it grows to about 2m tall each year, the seeds are easily distributed by the wind.
- **Strong** – while growing, the plant is strong enough to disturb foundations and emerge through rock.

## **Pros**

- **Edible** – The young shoots have a taste not dissimilar to rhubarb.
- **Ornamental plant** - Beautiful stem, flowers and foliage

