





Identification of existing Japanese knotweed growth (above):

Leaves - shield shape; Leaf stems - zig-zag; Main stems - bamboo-like, green with red/pink speckles; Flowers (August/September) - tiny, creamy-white, formed in clusters.







Identification of emerging Japanese knotweed growth (above):

Shoots - red/pink, resemble asparagus spears; New leaves - red, gradually turning to green.

Identification of Japanese knotweed in the soil (below):

Crowns -knotty mass, top often visible, hollow stems (sometimes red/brown buds) emerging; Rhizomes – dark brown, fleshy exterior, orange interior, snaps like a carrot.











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Japanese knotweed 'bonsai' regrowth can take many forms. Initial distortion produces elongation of the leaves into long, slender points (above left). Further distress of the knotweed can result in a bushy distorted plant (e.g. picture above right). The more stress the knotweed is subject to, the more extreme the distortions can become (photos below).

















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