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Top left: Close up of Japanese knotweed inflorescence. Top right: Fruits. Photos: Les Mehrhoff, IPANE.  
Center: A dense Japanese knotweed incursion. Photo: Donna Ellis, UConn

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*Japanese knotweed along the road side. Photo: Donna Ellis, UConn*

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Stand of Japanese knotweed. Photo: James H. Miller, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org



Top: Nodes are swollen along stem. Bottom: Stems are hollow and reddish brown in color.  
Photos: Les Mehrhoff, IPANE



Japanese knotweed leaf shape.  
Photo: Steve Manning, Invasive Plant Control, Bugwood.org



Leaves are alternate.  
Photo: Donna Ellis, UConn