

Invasive Japanese knotweed: Now is a great time to spot it!

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Japanese knotweed in bloom.

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It's almost September and it is the time of year invasive knotweeds are in bloom. Now is a great time to be able to spot [Japanese knotweed](#) and report it to the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN). You help the Mid-Michigan CISMA by reporting to MISIN using the [smartphone app](#), or online at www.misin.msu.edu.

Japanese knotweed, also known as "Michigan bamboo," is a perennial, herbaceous shrub. It can invade a wide variety of habitats and tolerate different soils. This invasive species can spread by plant fragments, so it is important to not mow, cut, till, or dig this plant during its active season. Still not sure how to properly identify Japanese knotweed? Visit this [MISIN training module](#).

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