PHOTO GALLERY
HIMALAYAN BALSAM
Photos for identification and control

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Fleshy, hollow stem

Green – pink stem (turning almost red in late summer)
IDENTIFICATION

Bright green leaves with finely serrated edges.
Himalayan balsam seedling
Bright, pink trumpet-shaped flowers
IDENTIFICATION

Exploding seed pods

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IDENTIFICATION

Young balsam plants
Balsam can establish itself from a just a few seeds on a sand bar in the river
Balsam can restrict the growth of other vegetation by releasing substances that inhibit the germination and growth of other plants. This is known as allelopathy.
MANAGEMENT
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CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT

Hand-pulling is an effective way to control Himalayan balsam.
Start early in the growing season (May) and repeat every 3 weeks to tackle late germination.
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Pile up all balsam in a secluded spot to rot down.