PHOTO GALLERY
JAPANESE KNOTWEED
Photos for identification and control
New Japanese knotweed shoots emerge in March each year.
Early growth can resemble asparagus
Japanese knotweed grows rapidly. This photo was taken in May 2016.
And this is the same site in June 2016
IDENTIFICATION

Purple speckled zig-zag stem

Leaves with a flat bottom edge

Alternately arranged leaves

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IDENTIFICATION

Produces white flowers towards the end of summer, but no viable seed.
Large stand in flower
MANAGEMENT
JAPANESE KNOTWEED
Japanese knotweed is controlled effectively by stem injection.
Mark canes to prevent double dosing; a bright aerosol tree marker works well.
Treatment with herbicide can produce bonsai regrowth.
Bonsai regrowth is often thin and hard, best treated by foliar spraying.