**Plant Description:** Perennial species with creeping rhizomes. The plant can reach 4 to 9 feet in height and is often shrubby.

**Flowers:** Whitish clusters, longer than the leaves, born in open, drooping panicles.

**Stems:** Reddish brown, hollow freely branched, woody but die back at the end of the growing season. It resembles bamboo.

**Habitat:** Japanese Knotweed is found along stream banks, in moist waste places, neglected gardens, old home stead's and along roadsides.

**Origin:** Introduced from Asia as a ornamental.

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**What Are Noxious Weeds?**

Noxious Weeds are defined by the State Weed Board as plants that negatively impact agriculture, wildlife, human health, land values or natural resources.

**Noxious Weed Related Concerns:**

Increased soil erosion, displacement of native or desirable vegetation, water shed impacts, toxicity concerns, reduced recreation, property value and livestock carrying capacity, allergies and increased fire frequency.

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**What Can You Do To Help?**

1) Learn how to recognize weed species.
2) Reseed disturbed soil.
3) Check your vehicle, yourself and pets for hitchhiking weeds.
4) Purchase and transport weed free forage.
5) Pull up small isolated weeds when encountered.
6) Report weed infestations to the proper authority and help spread the word *BECAUSE* weeds affect *Everyone!*

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