



Japanese Knotweed
(*Polygonum cuspidatum*)

- Arching herbaceous perennial, up to 10' tall; this specimen is the upper 1' length of a 5' tall stem
- Hollow, reddish, bamboo-like stems are smooth and stout, often persisting after plant dies back to the ground each year
- Leaves alternate, egg-shaped to almost triangular, 4-6" long, 3-4" wide
- Branched inflorescences of tiny, creamy white or greenish flowers emerge from leaf axils near the ends of stems in late summer.
- Invades creeksides, roadsides and ditches throughout Monroe County