

# Fallopia sachalinensis

## COMMON NAME

giant knotweed

## SYNONYMS

Reynoutria sachalinensis (F.Schmidt) Nakai

## FAMILY

Polygonaceae

## AUTHORITY

Fallopia sachalinensis (F.Schmidt) Ronse Decr.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Giant rhizomatous herb forming large thickets; stems glabrous, green, 2~4m high, approx. 2cm diam., woody at base. Petiole 2~6cm long, often reddish, channelled above, with 3 pits at base on dorsal side, except in some infl. leaves. Lamina 10~30 x 5~22cm, broad- to oblong-ovate, glaucescent below, entire to undulate, usu. glabrous when mature, or sometimes puberulent towards base of veins on upper side, with > 14 pairs of lateral veins; base shallow- to deep-cordate; sinus wide; apex acute to cuspidate. Ochreae to 6cm long, glabrous, soon deciduous. Panicle branches solitary or fascicled, at least the lower branches

## FLOWERING

November, December, January, February, March, April

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

## LIFE CYCLE

Perennial.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1935

## ORIGIN

E Asia, N Japan

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

**This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord.** The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/pest-plant-accord/).

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/fallopia-sachalinensis/>

