

## Japanese Knotweed

- Stems are green with red - purple flecks
- Can grow up to 3m (9 – 10 feet)
- Heart shaped leaves up to 12cm (5 inches) long growing alternatively up the hollow stems
- Creamy flower clusters are produced in the late summer
- Plants die back after the first heavy frost, leaving tall, hollow tan coloured stem



## Giant Hogweed

- Green spiky leaves begin growing early in March / April
- Can grow between 3m – 5m (10 – 16 feet)
- The large hollow stems are ribbed and green in colour with red – purple blotches
- The large white umbrella shaped flower heads can be 50 – 90cm (1.5 – 3 feet) in diameter
- Immature plants will die back during the winter, with flowering

plants dying and leaving large, tall brown stems with anything up to 50,000 seeds

- Sap of Giant hogweed can cause severe chemical burns. Avoid at all costs.



## Himalayan Balsam

Stems are green to red in early Spring turning pink to red in summer

- Can grow up to 2 – 2.5m (6 - 7ft)
- Stems are green hollow, sappy, fleshy and brittle
- Leaves are long and thin and have finely serrated edges
- Flowers are trumpet shaped, pink (rarely white)
- Roots are short and fibrous

