

Himalayan knotweed

Koenigia polystachya

Species of Union concern



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Invasive species native to the Himalayas. **Widespread** in the wild in Belgium

Found along **waterways, roadsides and railroads**, as well as in **vacant lots**



Terrestrial plant that grows to a height of 40 to 120 cm

Oblong to lanceolate leaves with marked tip, glabrous on the upper face and hairy on the lower face



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Rhizomatous plant forming dense colonies



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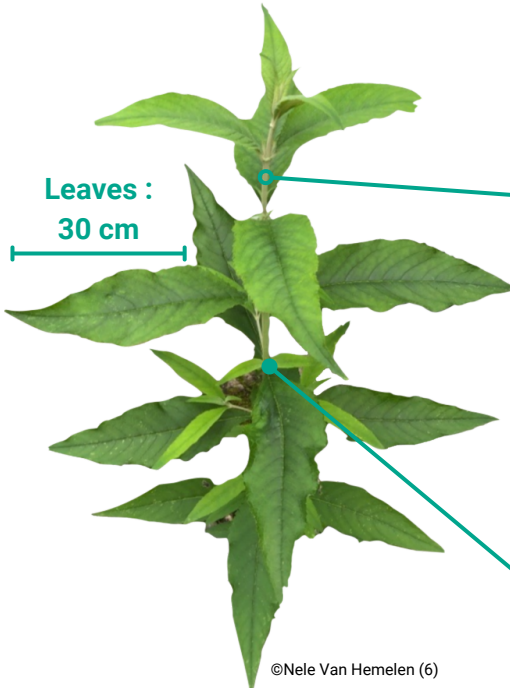
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Creamy-white or pinkish flowers in leafy panicles, with blue stamens



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Leaves :
30 cm

Brown stipules



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Reddish, hollow and erect stems

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Not to be confused with



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***Bistorta officinalis* - Native**

- Simple light green leaves, narrowed at the base
- Pink flowers, in oblong-cylindrical and compact terminal spike

***Rumex obtusifolius* - Native**

- Very large oval leaves with petioles and slight wavy edges
- Green flowers in very close whorls, in clusters



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***Fallopia japonica* - Exotic**

- Alternate leaf arrangement with ovate-triangular leaf blades, truncated at the base