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September

Managing Japanese Knotweed: Two Small-Scale Strategies

By Tara Mitchell and
John Bartenstein



One of the most frustrating aspects of landscaping is watching new plantings get over-taken by invasive plants. In some instances, it's by species already on the site or adjacent to the site; in too many instances, it's by species that are brought into the site through nursery material, hay bales, mulch, or loam. Of all the invasive species, Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), once established, is one of the most difficult to manage and eradicate.

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Guidelines for Disposal of Terrestrial Invasive Plants

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Efforts to control invasive plants may generate large amounts of plant material and soil or sediment containing viable parts. This material must be appropriately managed or it could contribute to the reestablishment and spread of the species at the controlled site, the disposal site or landfill, or anywhere in between or beyond.

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Controlling Small-scale Infestations of Exotic Invasive Plant Species: Ecological and IPM Information for Landscapers and Homeowners

by Bruce Wenning



Exotic invasive plant species are not native plants. Most did not originate in the United States or North America. The majority of these pestiferous plants which are native to the temperate regions of Asia and Europe have become naturalized in our native landscapes. [Read full article.](#)



Eat Your Invasives

by Russ Cohen

A few of our naturalized alien plants were first brought over to this country for their culinary value. They were then overlooked and some escaped into the wild; European barberry and garlic mustard are two examples. [Read full article.](#)

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Swallow-wort Biocontrols Pass Test

By Mary Woodson

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Swallow-wort is ornery enough to land two botanical monikers. Vincetoxicum spells it out: this plant is poisonous. And Cynanchum means "dog strangler" or "to choke a dog": take your pick. But swallow-wort has acquired new meaning in the Northeast. This rampant invasive smothers small trees and native toughies like goldenrod, practically swallowing them whole.

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[New England Grassroots Environmental Fund](#) small grants program fosters grassroots environmental initiatives in CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT. Deadlines September 15, 2011.

[IPM Scouting for Weeds and Diseases of Woody Ornamentals Walkabout](#) at Elm Bank, Wellesley, MA, September 22, 4-6pm.

[Urban Park Advocates Summit in Worcester](#), October 4, 8:30-5pm.

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