

INVASIVE HERBACEOUS

*Knotweeds*

*Polygonum species*

Giant, Bohemian, Himalayan, & Japanese

FEATHERY WHITE FLOWER HEADS, large foliage, and tall, bamboo-like stems once made this group of knotweeds popular as garden ornamentals. Native to Asia, knotweeds have become a serious problem worldwide and are increasingly prevalent in Washington. They rapidly invade riparian zones, blocking sunlight, disturbing nutrient cycling, and facilitating stream bank erosion. These knotweeds are a serious problem along Washington State waterways where they degrade habitat for wildlife and fish, including salmon.



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CLASS B WASHINGTON STATE NOXIOUS WEED

RECOMMENDED HERBACEOUS

*Goat's Beard*

*Arunceus dioicus*

THIS ROBUST PERENNIAL NATIVE provides height to your garden.

- Like knotweed, Goat's beard thrives in moist soil
- Produces a panicle of cream colored flowers similar to knotweeds, though foliage texture is finer
- Flowers in June and July, a little earlier than knotweeds
- Grows up to 6 feet tall



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RECOMMENDED HERBACEOUS

*Fothergilla*

*Fothergilla major*

DECIDUOUS SHRUB with gorgeous fall foliage.



- Small, fragrant white flowers bloom in spring, unlike the later blooming knotweeds
- Green foliage in summer turns to spectacular fall color as opposed to the less colorful knotweeds
- Like the knotweeds, fothergilla sports large leaves up to 5 inches long
- Shrub grows up to 9 feet tall
- Prefers moist, well-drained soils



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*Fargesia robusta* Clumping Bamboo

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A TRUE CLUMPING BAMBOO with an upright form.



- Grows to be 15-20 feet tall, taller than knotweeds
- Unlike knotweeds, clumping bamboo does not spread
- The stems provide the bamboo effect that gardeners prize in knotweeds
- Unlike the knotweeds, *Fargesia* keeps its narrow, shiny leaves in the winter for year-round interest
- Takes morning sun and afternoon shade



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ADDITIONAL HERBACEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

*Amelanchier alnifolia*, *Cornus stolonifera*, *Holodiscus discolor*, *Hydrangea macrophylla*, *Physocarpus capitatus*, *Woodwardia fimbriata* (all WA natives except *Hydrangea*)