

WANTED

Japanese Knotweed



Last year scientists named the world's 100 most destructive invasive species. *Japanese Knotweed* made the top ten list.

Why is it a problem?

- Highly aggressive invasive plant that spreads VERY rapidly.
- Forms dense colonies that replace native plants in riparian areas, therefore, destroying critical fish and wildlife habitat.
- Increases erosion when bare ground is exposed in the winter.
- Can tolerate various soil types from river cobble to rich soil.
- Once established, it is extremely hard to eradicate. As little as 0.7g of a plant stem (as little as a fingernail) can produce a new plant!

The MRC is currently working on Knotweed Removal Projects in the Mattole to prevent this weed from taking over critical riparian habitats as it has in many states in the Northwest and the UK (seen in the photo above). For more information, please contact MRC's Invasive Plants Program Coordinator, Unity Peterson at 707-629-3514 or visit the following websites:

www.nwcb.wa.gov

www.ex.ac.uk/knotweed

www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/pocu1.htm

