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# Himalayan Balsam



Can be confused with Himalayan knotweed, the leaf of Himalayan balsam has serrated edges

Himalayan balsam



Himalayan knotweed



Leaves have red toothed edges



Stem is hexagonal in cross-section



Reddish ridged stem



White or pink 'trumpet' shaped flowers



Seed head



Photos: Joe Caffrey (IFI)



Be biosecurity aware! To avoid the risk of introducing and / or spreading harmful aquatic invasive species or pathogens, please clean and disinfect any equipment that has been used or come into contact with water. For best practice guidelines refer to: <http://www.fisheriesireland.ie/Invasive-Species/invasive-species.html>

For reporting incidences of invasive species  
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