


APPENDIX 2 – SCHEDULE 9 INVASIVE SPECIES

An invasive, non-native species is a species that is present outside of its native range but has established populations after accidental or intentional introduction to a geographical region. These species have negative ecological impacts on the environments in which they are present by outcompeting native flora and fauna for resources, facilitating the spread of disease, and interrupting natural food webs.

Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 lists the species within the UK which are considered invasive and are damaging to biodiversity. It is the legal responsibility of the landowner to control populations of invasive species and prevent their growth and spread.

The table below details common invasive, non-native species listed on Schedule 9 and the recommended management practices.

Common name (scientific name)	Identification		Management
Himalayan balsam (<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green or red stems• Serrated oval leaves growing in a whorl round the stem• Bright pink flowers		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides• Application to be carried out by a qualified individual• Herbicide to be applied in spring, before the flowering period but after germination of seeds• Approved herbicides only to be used• Balsam bashing – pulling plants up by the root before seeds are set (before July/August)

<p>Japanese knotweed (<i>Fallopia japonica</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bamboo like stems with purple flecks • Large, shovel shaped leaved • Cream/white clustered flowers 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stem injection or spraying with glyphosate in late summer/early autumn (September/October) • Approved herbicides only to be used • Application to be carried out by a qualified individual • Application of herbicide annually (can take 3+ years to effectively combat) • Inform relevant authorities prior to disposal of plant material or use an authorised disposal site/company (GOV.UK, 2022)
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