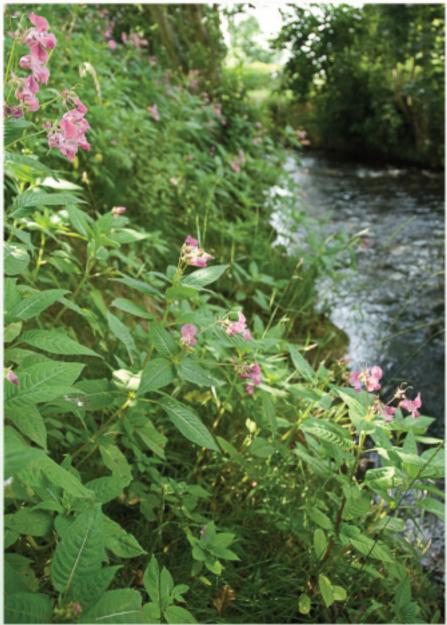
Non-native Species Alert

Himalayan Balsam

Impatiens glandulifera



The characteristic purplish-pink slippershaped flowers first appear in June.

When the seed pods mature, they explode when touched, scattering the seed up to 7m away.

Seeds are also spread by water and they may remain viable for up to two years.

Himalayan Balsam plants grow in dense stands that suppress the growth of native grasses and other flora.

In autumn the plants die back, leaving the banks bare of vegetation, and therefore liable to erosion.

Identification features (summer):

Stem: Pinky-red, up to 2.5 metres tall. Hollow,

sappy and brittle.

Leaves: Dark green, spear-shaped with serrated

edges. Up to 150 mm long. Opposite or in

whorls of three.

Flowers: Purplish-pink to pale pink. Slipper shaped,

on long stalks. June - October.

Seedpods: Explode when ripe.



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