

Weed Alert! Japanese dodder



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(*Cuscuta japonica*)

Mature Size Vine



Description

- Leafless, vibrant yellow-green to gold parasitic vine growing in dense tangles of spaghetti-like tendrils
- Uses specialized root structures to suck water and nutrients from host plants and eventually kill them
- Grows in large, spreading, web-like masses, often covering shrubs and trees
- Fleshy, round, twining stems, sometimes with small red to purplish spots
- Rarely has flowers, but when present, are tiny, pale yellow to cream colored, and grow in dense spikes
- Dies back in the winter, but returns hardily in the spring
- Reproduces vegetatively by sprouting from vine and root fragments
- Spread by wind, water, human activities, birds
- Native to Asia

Bloom Period Aug - Oct

Habitat Gardens, parks, orchards, wildlands, cropland, salt marshes



2-Minute Removal Dig

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