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*Persicaria capitata*

[Synonyms : *Polygonum capitatum*]

**PINK-HEADED KNOTWEED** is a trailing evergreen perennial. Native to the Himalayas (from Pakistan to south-western China) it has small pink flowers.

It is also known as *Ampelpilört* (Swedish), Clover pink, Common knotweed, Himalayan smartweed, *Himetsuru soba* (Japanese), Japanese knotweed, Knotweed, *Nghé* (Vietnamese), *Nuppitatar* (Finnish), Pink-headed persicaria, Pinkhead smartweed, Pink knotweed, *Slingerormrot* (Swedish), and *Slingerpilört* (Swedish).

*Capitata* is derived from Latin *capito* (man with a large head) meaning ‘having a dense head’ with reference to the flowers.

This knotweed, which can be invasive, is cultivated as an ornamental plant (often as edging or ground cover).