

SPOTLIGHT

JAPANESE MAZUS



Japanese mazus (*Mazus pumilus*) filling in most of the cracks on sidewalk, Pine Street.

Japanese mazus was first reported naturalized in Philadelphia in 1935.¹ In residential neighborhoods, it colonizes sidewalk cracks, where it keeps its top close to the surface of the bricks. If not trampled, it grows upright with its top several centimeters above the bricks (as shown in Figure 23.8).