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Instant ID

- A woody vine growing to 30 feet in length with small, gray to lilac-colored flowers with red centers
- Vines twist to the right and leaves shaped like elongated hearts
- Berries are small, brown and shiny
- Leaves and vines give off a foul odor when crushed

Hijacked Habitats

- Introduced to Florida prior to 1897 as a potential source of fiber (substance for making fabric or rope)
- Native to Southeast Asia
- Soon after introduction it was identified as a pest plant
- It readily grows in most Florida environments





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Plant Particulars

- In its native range it is sometimes used in cooking and folk medicine
- Spreads through seeds and pieces of vine
- Weight can break branches of trees on which it grows
- It will blanket understory (under trees) plants and block them from sunlight
- Displaces and kills native plants

Population Prevention

- It is listed as a Florida Noxious Weed
- Providing stable environments with a natural variety of native plants prevents its invasion
- Dispose of seeds and cuttings properly to prevent further spread
- For removal information visit <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/plant-directory/>

