

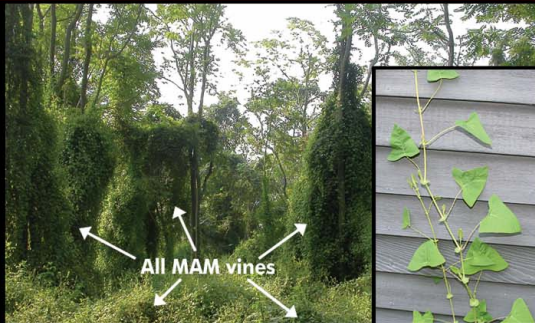


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Mile-a-minute Vine (MAM)

Persicaria perfoliata, formerly *Polygonum perfoliatum*

1. Triangular leaves—no lobes or indentations



2. Small barbs along stems (fruits ripening to blue in summer)



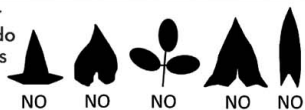
3. Saucer-shaped leaves (called ocrea) at nodes



LOOK AROUND YOUR YARD...

Do you see this plant?

Leaf shapes of other vines; these species do not harm ecosystems and should **not** be reported:



Mile-a-minute Vine (Scientific name: *Persicaria perfoliata*) is a highly invasive annual weed spreading across Connecticut. It outcompetes and overgrows native species, causing ecological and economic harm. The vine scrambles over other vegetation and can climb trees and posts (see front). Mile-a-minute is deserving of its common name and its reputation as “the Kudzu of the North”—a single vine can grow up to **6 inches per day**. Mile-a-minute has been banned by the CT Legislature (Sec. 22a-381d of the CT General Statutes makes it illegal to transport, cultivate, sell or distribute the species), but populations are still spreading in natural areas and perhaps in your own backyard!

Please help us find, track and control this plant in Connecticut. With your help, we can organize and coordinate the removal of Mile-a-minute Vine before it becomes an even bigger and more costly problem. If you see a vine with **all three** of the characteristics on the front of this card—**(1)** triangular leaves, **(2)** small barbs on the stem, and **(3)** ocrea, **note its location** and **report your findings** using the contact information below.

Contact the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG) at **860-486-6448** (Donna Ellis)

-or-

visit **www.hort.uconn.edu/mam** (click “Report MAM”)

For more information, please contact CIPWG or visit **www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg**

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