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Mile-a-minute Vine (MAM)

(*Persicaria perfoliata*, formerly *Polygonum perfoliatum*)



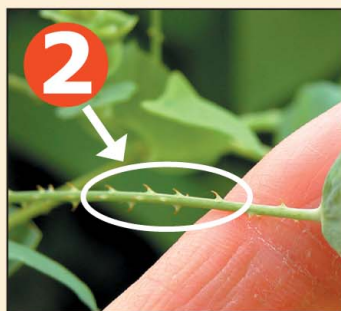
Mile-a-minute Vine is a highly invasive annual weed spreading north and east across Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island. It outcompetes and overgrows native species, causing ecological and economic harm. It climbs and scrambles over trees and posts, shading out other plants (see photo at left). A single vine can grow up to 6 inches per day.

Please help us find, track and control this invasive plant.

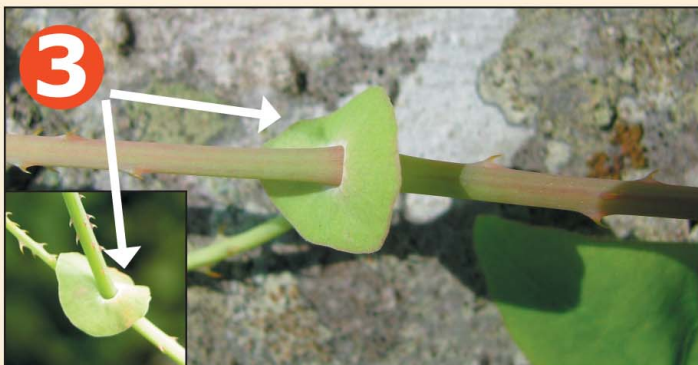
THREE IDENTIFYING TRAITS:



1
Triangular leaves
(often nearly equilateral)



2
Small curved barbs
along stems

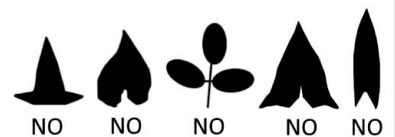


3
Saucer-shaped leaves (called ocrea) at stem nodes



In summer, MAM fruits ripen from green to metallic blue

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




Photos courtesy of Todd Mervosh, Les Mehrhoff, Hope Leeson, Judy Hough-Goldstein and Renée Sullivan

If you observe a plant with all 3 traits, note its location and report your findings:

Contact the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG) at:
860-486-6448 (Donna Ellis, University of Connecticut)

-or-

Visit www.hort.uconn.edu/mam (click "Report MAM")

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