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Appearance: Vigorously twining herbaceous vine, with small or absent underground tubers. Aerial tubers (bulbils) freely formed in leaf axils.

Leaves: Long petioled, alternate; blades to 20 cm (8 in) or more long, broadly heart shaped, with basal lobes usually rounded.

Flowers: Rare (in Florida), small, fragrant, male and female arising from leaf axils on separate plants (i.e., a dioecious species), in panicles or spikes to 11 cm (4 in) long.

Fruit: a capsule; seeds partially winged.

Ecological threat:

Can quickly engulf native vegetation, climbing high into mature tree canopies. Produces large numbers of aerial tubers, which accelerate its spread. FLEPPC Category I

Distribution: NW, NE, C, SW, SE



Field Notations

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