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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 in length; broadly heart shaped, with basal lobes usually rounded.

**Flowers:** Rare (in Florida), small, fragrant; male and female arising from leaf axils on separate plants (dioecious), 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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