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**Appearance:** Perennial twining vine from woody rootstock; stems to 7 m (23 ft) or more, climbing, or prostrate and rooting at the nodes.

**Leaves:** Opposite (rarely in whorls of three), with conspicuous stipules; petioles commonly to 6 cm (2.4 in) long; blades entire, oval to linear-lanceolate, 2–11 cm (1–4.3 in) long, hairy or glabrous, often lobed at base; leaves and stems with disagreeable odor, especially when crushed.

**Flowers:** Small, grayish pink or lilac, in broad or long “leafy” curving clusters; terminal or at leaf axils. Corolla densely hairy, tubular with five (usually) spreading lobes.

**Fruit:** A shiny brown, nearly globose capsule, to 0.7 cm (0.3 in) wide with two black, roundish seeds (often dotted with white raphides).

**Ecological threat:**

Invades various native plant communities, including sandhill, floodplain, and upland mixed forest. Can create dense canopies leading to damage or death of native vegetation. FLEPPC Category I



**Distribution:** NW, NE, C, SW, SE

**Field Notations**

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