

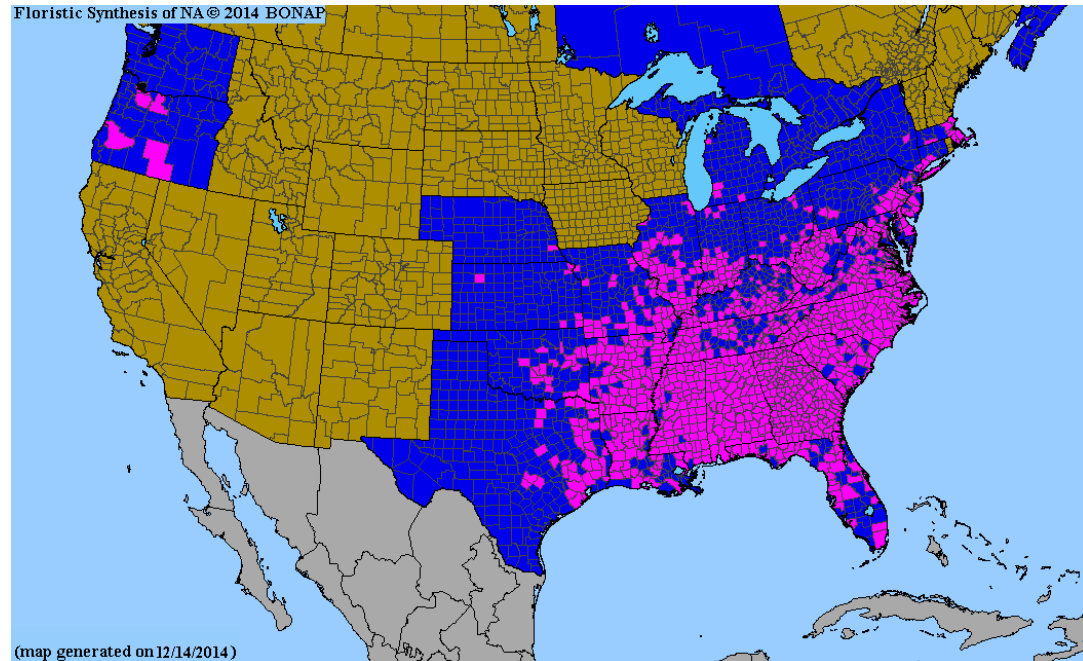
# Kudzu (*Pueraria montana*)



- Semi-woody vine with trifoliate leaves, massive roots, and vigorous growth
- Habitats it invades:
  - Forests
  - Roadsides
- Status
  - Wisconsin: Prohibited (not escaped here yet)
  - Federal Noxious Weed



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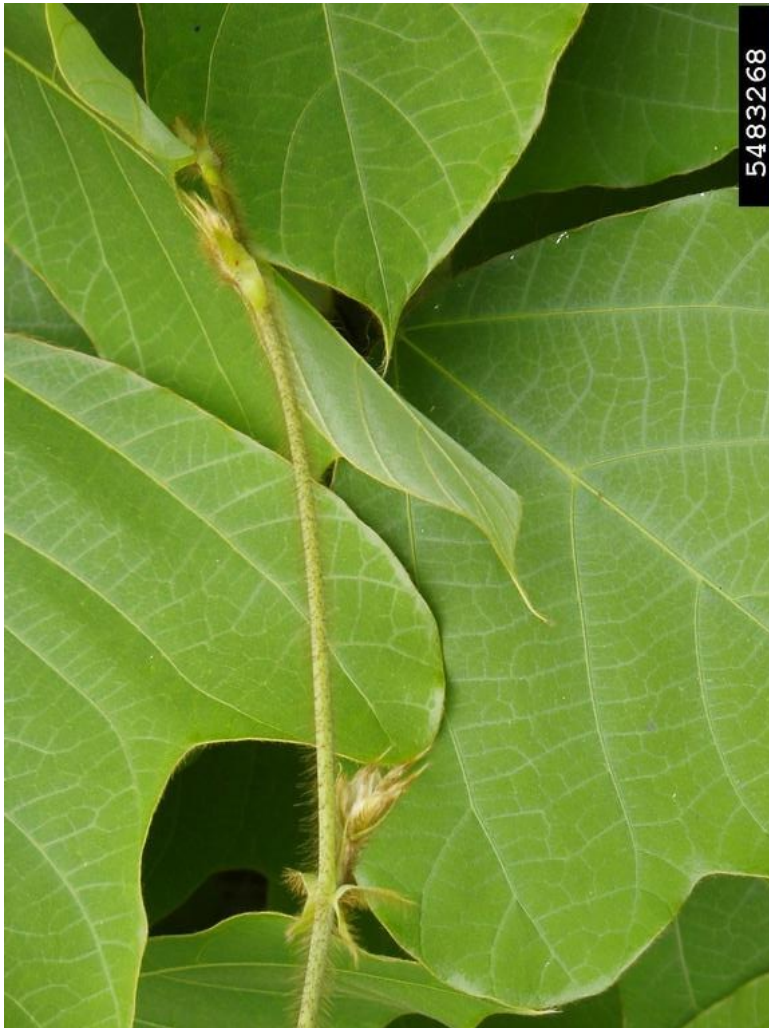
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## *Leaves alternate, trifoliate*

- Compound leaves with 3 leaflets; leaflets 4" long
- Leaflets sometimes lobed; margins entire
- Leaves and stems covered with golden hairs



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## Flower/fruit

- Flowers are purple, fragrant, pea-like
- Flowers borne in upright clusters; late summer
- Fruit is a hairy legume



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# Kudzu look alike

Kudzu resembles other vines with **trifoliolate** leaves. It could potentially be confused with hog-peanut (*Amphicarpaea bracteata*) and groundnut (*Apios americana*), two **native** vining legumes. **Native** poison-ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*) has leaves with a similar shape to kudzu, as well.

Name	Stems	Leaves	Flowers	Fruit
Kudzu ( <i>Pueraria montana</i> ) I	<b>Semi-woody</b> , twining vine with <b>deep roots</b> ; stems with <b>golden hairs</b>	Leaves with 3 leaflets, these hairy and <b>sometimes lobed</b>	<b>Purple</b> , pea-like	<b>Hairy</b> legume
Hog-peanut ( <i>Amphicarpaea bracteata</i> ) N	<b>Annual</b> , twining vine; stems variously hairy but <b>hairs not golden</b>	Leaves with 3 leaflets, these variously hairy and <b>never lobed</b>	<b>Bluish</b> , pea-like	<b>Smooth</b> legume
Groundnut ( <i>Apios americana</i> ) N	<b>Herbaceous</b> , twining vine with <b>tubers</b> ; stems smooth	Leaves with <b>5 or 7 smooth leaflets</b>	<b>Maroon</b> , pea-like	Legume, <b>but never produced</b>
Poison-ivy ( <i>Toxicodendron radicans</i> ) N	<b>Woody vine</b> climbing by <b>aerial roots</b> ; stems smooth	Leaves with 3 leaflets, these <b>smooth above</b> and with some hairs below, sometimes with large teeth or lobes	<b>Yellow, small, not pea-like</b>	<b>Dry, white berry</b>





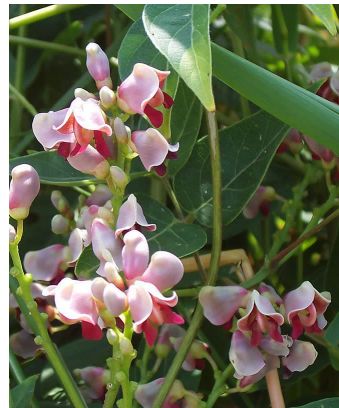
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Hog-peanut (*Amphicarpaea bracteata*)



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Poison-ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*)

