

WANTED Mile-A-Minute Vine

(*Polygonum perfoliatum*, AKA Devil's Tail, Asiatic Tearthumb, or *Persicaria perfoliata*)

THREE IDENTIFYING TRAITS:



1
Triangular leaves



2
Curved barbs along stems



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

(Photos courtesy of Todd Mervosh and Les Mehrhoff)



Summer fruit is metallic blue

If you find a plant with all 3 traits, note its location, and photograph it or take a sample.

REPORT IT AND GET MANAGEMENT INFO:

Invasive Plant Species Committee of Nantucket

- Sarah Bois (stbois@lnf.org)
- Kelly Omand (komand@NantucketConservation.org)

Help us track this plant!

Mile-a-minute Vine (MAM) is a highly invasive annual weed, native to Asia, that was first discovered on Nantucket in the summer of 2014. A single vine can grow up to 6 inches per day! MAM smothers landscape plants and native species alike, causing ecological and economic damage. Your help is needed to prevent this plant from becoming established on Nantucket.

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MAM infestation. Photo courtesy of L. Mehrhoff

For more information, please visit the Nantucket Biodiversity Initiative (NBI) Invasive Plant Species Committee of Nantucket page:

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