

Porcelain-berry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*)

Also called: Amur peppervine

Family name: Grape (Vitaceae)

Native range: Asia

NJ Status: Emerging Stage 2- Uncommon (may be regionally common). This plant is *highly threatening* to natural plant communities. All detected occurrences should be eradicated.

General description:

- Perennial, climbing, woody-stemmed vine
- Grows 10'-20' or more
- Climbs by tendrils, similar to native grapes
- Pith (center) of mature stems is white
- Bark does not peel and has lenticils



Leaves:

- Alternate
- 3-5 lobes on each leaf, heart-shaped base
- Extremely variable leaf shape/lobing
- Coarse teeth
- 2"-4" wide
- Young twigs, leaf stems and the undersides of the leaves are hairy



Variable leaf shape in porcelainberry. (Grape leaves are also very variable).



Flowers:

- Small, greenish-white
- Blooms in clusters, May-August



Fruit:

- Speckled, 0.25" spheres
- Ripening from September-October
- Fruits are borne in clusters
- Vary in color from yellow to lilac to green, and mature to a blue color



Habitat:

- Stream banks, floodplains, roads, fields, edges

Commercial Availability: Yes

Look-alikes:

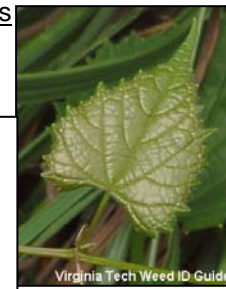
Grape species (*Vitis* sp.)

- Native perennial vine
- Similar leaf shape
- Brown stem pith (center)
- Shredding or peeling bark
- Lacking lenticils
- Dark blue or purple, berry

Shreddy bark of grape



Grape leaves can be lobed or unlobed; most often taper to a distinct point



Moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*)

- Native perennial vine- MILDLY TOXIC
- No tendrils on the stem
- 3-7 broad shallow lobes, untoothed
- White pendulous clusters (yellow anthers)
- Black fruits (grape-like)

Moonseed

