

MILE A MINUTE

Persicaria perfoliata



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Mature Height	Vines up to 15 feet in a growing season	Soil Type	Most soils
Mature Spread	Vining Colonies	Flower Color	Inconspicuous
Mature Form	Vines	Foliage Color	Light Green
Growth Rate	Rapid	Fall Color	Turns brown with maturity
Sun Exposure	Prefers Full Sun		
Soil Moisture	Prefers Moist. Tolerates Dry		

Mile a Minute is a trailing vine that lives up to its name. It is a very fast growing plant scrambling over shrubs and other vegetation, blocking the foliage of covered plants from sunlight and reducing their ability to make food. Left unchecked this will kill native plants. A key identifying point is the nearly equal three sided leaves. It has recurved barbs on the stems that help hold it fast to host plants and make it difficult to pull off the hosts. It came to the US in a shipment of Holly seed from Japan. It is native to southeast and southern Asia where a weevil feeds on the plant and keeps to somewhat under control. It is currently a problem invasive plant from Connecticut south to Virginia and west to Ohio.

This plant has not been found in Indiana as of the fall of 2013 but is in Ohio and moving slowly west. If you think you see it please notify your local Purdue Cooperative Extension Service Office.



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