WANTED
Mile-a-minute Vine (MAM)
(Persicaria perfoliata, formerly Polygonum perfoliatum)

Mile-a-minute Vine is a highly invasive annual weed spreading north and east across Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island. It outcompetes and overgrows native species, causing ecological and economic harm. It climbs and scrambles over trees and posts, shading out other plants (see photo at left). A single vine can grow up to 6 inches per day.

Please help us find, track and control this invasive plant.

THREE IDENTIFYING TRAITS:

1. Triangular leaves (often nearly equilateral)
2. Small curved barbs along stems
3. Saucer-shaped leaves (called ocrea) at stem nodes

In summer, MAM fruits ripen from green to metallic blue

Leaf shapes of other vines; these species do not harm ecosystems and should not be reported:

NO NO NO NO NO

Photos courtesy of Todd Merrihew, Lee McIlhagger, Hope Lecce, Judyrough-Godfrey and Renee Sullivan

If you observe a plant with all three traits, note its location and report your findings:

Contact the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG) at:
860-486-6448 (Donna Ellis, University of Connecticut)

-or-

Visit www.hort.uconn.edu/mam (click “Report MAM”)

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