

SIZE: Up to 10 m long.

LEAVES: Shiny, smooth, and arranged alternately along the length of the vine. They are round to heart-shaped, with a pointed end (up to 13 cm long and smooth leaf edges).

STEM: Highly branched, climbing vine with many bent thorny prickles and curling strands.

FLOWERS: Clusters of greenish-brown flowers (umbel) hang from where the leaves branch from the stem. Each plant is either male or female and flowers are not typically observed.

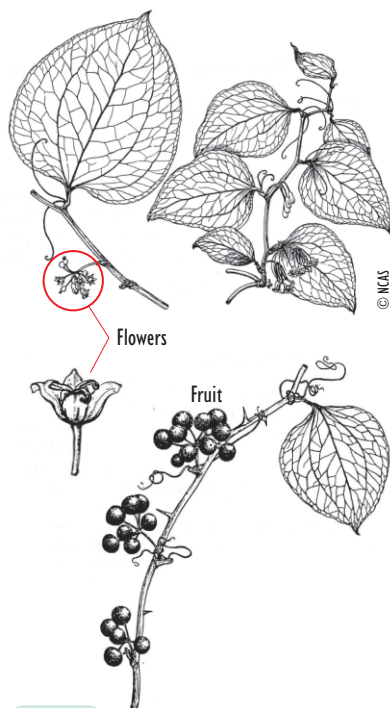
FRUIT: Waxy bluish-black berries, 6 mm wide.

NOTES: Also known as Catbrier.



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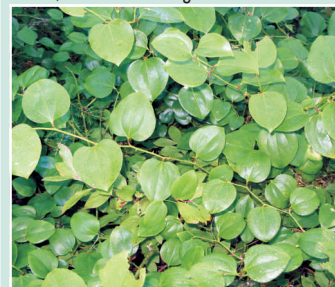


Climbing a tree

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Leaves, thorns and curling strands



Round-leaved Greenbrier patch

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Habitat:

Lakeshores and along the edge of rivers and streams.

Similar Species: None.

Interesting point: This species can grow into dense patches, and is also known as Catbrier due to its claw-like thorns and the cat-like scratches you can get while trying to walk through it.