



# Porcelainberry

## *Ampelopsis brevipedunculata* AMBR7

VINE (woody)

- Grape vine-like, with tendrils
- Twining woody vine with large simple leaves, variable, often with deep lobes. Leaves green beneath



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- Multi-colored hard berries, approximately pea-sized

# Porcelainberry: Growth

- Grows often along roadsides or forest edges
- Aggressively covers trees and other brush



# the Leaf strategy....



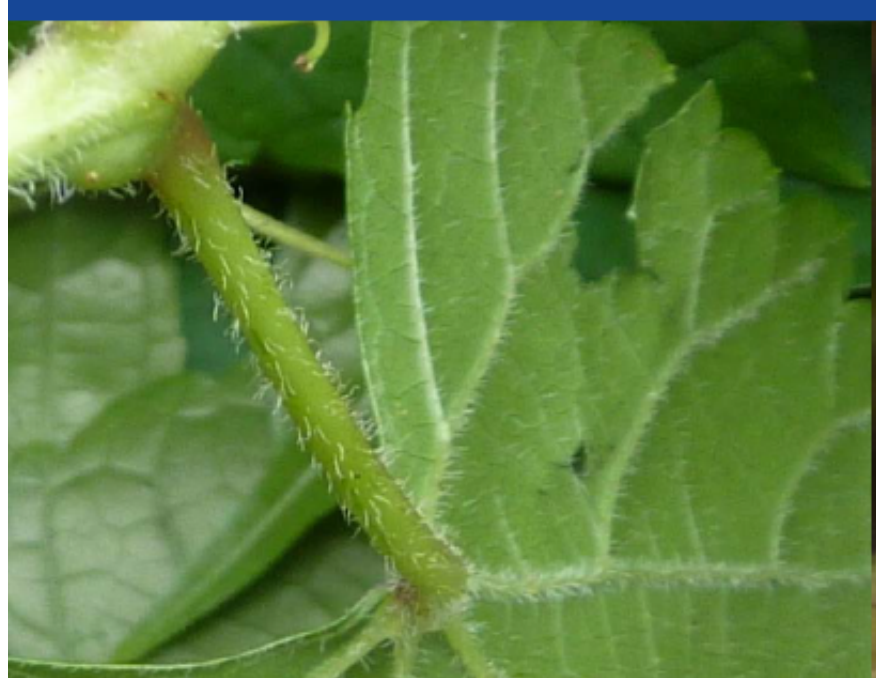
# More on leaves

- Margins have coarse rounded teeth with short, slender tips



# Look underneath!

- Hairy undersides, but usually only on VEINS of the underside
- Typically green underneath



# Leaf Look-alike Alert!!!!

- Grape leaves also vary in shape and lobes
- Typically, hairier on underside surface, not just the veins
- Some have white undersides



# The **T**wig strategy

- Twigs of porcelain-berry are hairy
- Pith is **WHITE**
- Does **NOT** have adhesive disks!!!!



# Beware the twig Look-alikes!!!

- Virginia creepers and Boston ivy can look similar but have adhesive disks!
- **BROWN** pith





# The **F**ruit/seed strategy

- Hard, small ( $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  inch in diameter)
- Appear late summer through October
- Crackled or speckled look resembling porcelain



# Fruits

- Colors change from greenish-yellow through a series of pastel shades—green, lilac, amethyst to sky blue or bright turquoise



Berries point in umbrella shape!



# Beware the fruit look-alikes!

- Native grapes tend to hang down (broad at base, then tapered)
- Called elongate inflorescence

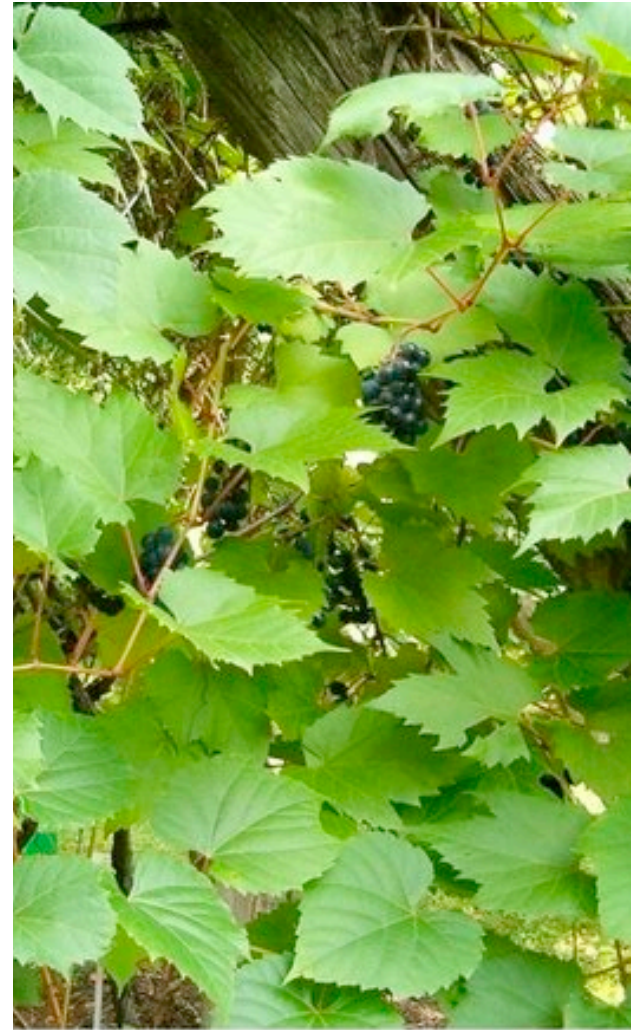


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"Vitis Riparia."

# The **B**ark strategy

- Bark has lenticels and does NOT peel
- More reddish in color
- Older bark is more furrowed but does NOT peel



# Beware the **B**ark look-alikes!

- Bark of native vines usually peeling
- Most don't have lenticels (except Boston Ivy!)
- More reddish in color



Photo Credit: Michael Pascoe,  
"Exfoliating Bark."

# Porcelainberry: Range

- Locally extensive infestations (central NJ, Along the Hudson, West Point area, Westchester Co. NY)
- Uncommon (unreported?) to the north and west

