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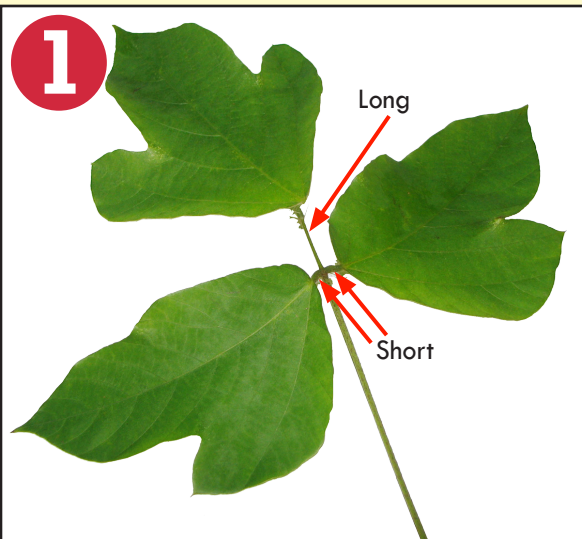
KUDZU (*Pueraria montana* var. *lobata*)



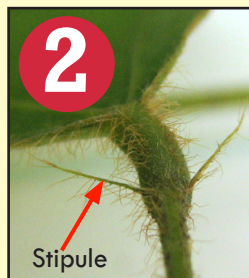
Kudzu is a highly invasive perennial semi-woody vine, native to Asia, that was discovered growing in Massachusetts back in the 1980s. Since then, several small populations have been found across the eastern half of the state. At its peak, a kudzu vine can grow more than one foot in a single day. The vines climb over trees and fences, shading out other plants, and outcompeting and overgrowing native species, causing ecological and economic damage. Your help is needed to prevent this plant from becoming established in Massachusetts.

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

FOUR IDENTIFYING TRAITS:



"Tri-foliolate" leaves divided into 3 separate lobes (or sometimes unlobed). Top leaflet has much longer petiole (stem) than the two side leaflets.



Long, brown hairs. Paired "stipules" found on the petiole (stem) of each leaflet



Spikes of purple, grape-scented flowers



Fuzzy brown seed pods

Leaf shapes of other plants (these **do not** need to be reported):



NO NO NO NO NO NO NO

If you find a plant with traits 1 **and** 2 (and either 3 **or** 4), note its location, take photos or a sample, and **REPORT IT**:

- Visit <http://massnrc.org/pests> (click "Report Pests")
- Call the MDAR Plant Pest Hotline: 617-626-1779