

# Kudzu

*Pueraria montana* var. *lobata*



## General Description:

- Vine: Perennial that grows up to 100' long
- Leaves: Alternate, compound leaves with **3 broad leaflets**; leaflets are 4-6" and have **fuzzy/hairy** undersides
- Stem: Green when young; mature stems are dark brown with white pith

## Prominent Features:

- Flowers: **Reddish-purple**, grape-like scent; **shaped like a pea plant flower**
  - Bloom in mid-summer
- Fruits: Flat, hairy, green/brown pods up to 8" long

## How to Remove:

- Pull out and dig the **entire root system** in **spring/summer**
- Repeat mowing/cutting; goats

## Look Alike: Native Hog-Peanut (*Amphicarpaea bracteata*)

- Pale violet-white flowers
- Much smaller (6' tall) than Kudzu



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