

# Mile-A-Minute

*Persicaria perfoliata*



## General Description:

- Vine: Up to 25' long, leaves are 0.75 - 3.0"
- Leaves: Pale bluish-green **equilateral triangles, saucer-shaped leaves (ocrea)** at stem nodes
- Stem: Narrow, reddish-green stems with **curved barbs**
- Flowers: Inconspicuous, pale green flowers

## Prominent Features:

- Fruits: Ripened berries are **blue/purple**, found in the cup-like bracts of the plant; unripened are pale green
- **Unique equilateral triangular leaves**

## How to Remove:

- Contain berries first to prevent further dispersal
- Manually pull all vines out to remove root system prior to setting seeds

## Look Alikes: Field/Hedge Bindweed

- These look-alikes do not have the perfectly equilateral leaf shape; also darker in color
- Lack of ocrea leaves and barbed stems



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