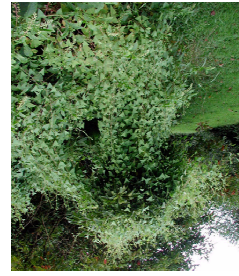


# PEST ALERT

## **Mile-a-minute Vine**

*(Polygonum perfoliatum)*



### **HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT ?**

Also known as the “Kudzu of the North”, Mile-a-minute vine has been found in Long Island and the counties of Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Orange, Sullivan and Dutchess.. Mile-a-minute Vine is a highly aggressive, non-native invasive plant that can grow up to 6 in. per day, quickly smothering surrounding vegetation. This annual plant reproduces profusely by producing lots of small blue berries that are dispersed by birds & small mammals. Mile-a-minute Vine is easily recognized by its perfectly triangular leaves & the cup-like, leafy structure (ocrea) from which the leaves & small, inconspicuous white flowers emerge. The branches are weak-looking but don't be fooled! \_ they have sharp, downward-pointing barbs making removal by hand difficult.

**MILE-A-MINUTE VINE CAN STILL BE ERADICATED IN THE HUDSON VALLEY. LOCATING POPULATIONS & ERADICATING THEM BEFORE PLANTS SPREAD TO OTHER AREAS IS CRITICAL !! MILE-A-MINUTE VINE CAN IMPAIR ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES IF IT INVADES NATURAL SYSTEMS AND OTHER ECOLOGICALLY IMPORTANT AREAS.**

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

- Be on the look-out. Plants may be growing along roadsides, power line right-of-ways, edges of fields & forests, or even in your yard.
- If you find Mile-a-minute Vine, please report the location of plants (see contact below) & you will be given instructions on what to do next.

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