
Habitat: Preferred habitats are open, sunny areas like forest edges, abandoned fields, roadsides and disturbed areas.

Nickname: "the vine that ate the south"

General Description: A climbing perennial vine that can extend 32 to 100 feet in length. Its vigorous growth and large leaves smother native plants, and its vines can kill trees through girdling. The added weight of vines can lead to uprooting trees.

Distinctive Characteristics: The deciduous leaves are compound, with three broad leaflets up to 4 inches across. The leaves are alternate and leaflets may be entire or lobed with hairy margins.

Growth Habit: Vine

Distribution: Common throughout most of the southeastern United States and in recent years has been found in northern states as well.

Kudzu

Pueraria montana



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Family: Fabaceae (Pea Family)

