

Skunk Vine

Paederia foetida



What is skunk vine?

[Skunk vine](#) is a woody vine native to Asia. Skunk vine earned its name through the foul smell produced when the leaves are crushed. It has generally heart-shaped leaves, but can be highly variable. It has small, light gray-pink flowers and spherical brown fruits.



Why should we manage it?

Skunk vine is a Category 1 invasive species and is found in at least 17 counties in central and north Florida. It can survive in wet to dry soils forming dense, heavy layers of vegetation that can climb and smother native species, even breaking limbs or causing trees to fall.

Being able to quickly identify an exotic species in an area and eradicate it before it spreads is one of the most efficient actions that we can do to reduce future treatment costs and impacts to native ecosystems.

How can you help?

- Learn more about skunk vine at this [UF/IFAS link](#).
- [EDDMapS](#) is available to help with species identification and to [report invasive sightings!](#)
- Join your local [CISMA](#) and follow [FISP](#) for updates.
- Attend local plant classes and spread the word about EDRR!
- [Sign up for alerts on EDDMapS!](#)

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