

# Happy holidays!

Don't let the Grinch steal Christmas – watch out for this mean, green, creeping vine!

## Kudzu



**Kudzu is a highly invasive species creeping up on your festivities—don't let it consume you in 2022!**

Kudzu is a climbing, semi-woody vine that can reach 100 feet in length. Once established, it grows at a rate of one foot per day, earning it the nickname “mile-a-minute” vine. It smothers native plants and man-made structures in a mangled, tangled mess and control requires complete removal of plant material and in the case of large infestations, herbicide treatment.

Kudzu has purple flowers and variable leaves. Some leaves may be lobed while others are not.



Kudzu has been spotted around North Florida, particularly Alachua County. For more kudzu information and resources, visit the following links!

- [Kudzu: The Vine that Ate the South](#)
- [Kudzu UF](#)

