



Common Ivy  
*Hedera helix*



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## **Appearance**

evergreen, perennial, climbing vine

exudes a glue-like substance to adhere to surfaces

20-30 ft tall, 15 ft wide

## **Foliage**

alternate, dark green, waxy

green with whitish veins

## **Flowers**

present late summer to early fall in full sun

small, greenish-yellow, globular starburst shape

## **Fruit**

present in late winter

black, globular berry with stone-like seeds

## **Ecological Threat**

native to Europe, Western Asia, and Northern Africa

blocks sunlight from reaching host tree's foliage

added weight of vines weakens trees to storm winds