



Roundleaf Greenbrier  
*Smilax rotundifolia*



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## **Appearance**

deciduous to semi-evergreen

strong tendrils at joints, stiff thorns along vines

6 to 30 ft. long

## **Foliage**

green, glossy - upper surface darker than underside

glabrous, rounded, alternate

3-5 veins per leaf

## **Flowers**

greenish white, umbels of 3-20

male and female flowers do not occur on the same plant

## **Fruit**

present in the fall

blue-black with white bloom at maturity

## **Ecological Threat**

native to central and southeastern USA

grows rapidly in low light to get established in underbrush

once established they grow over and up shrubs and trees