

Find that Plant!

We've marked an example of each of these plants, in the park, with a number. Write the number in the space to the right of each picture/name and write an "I" for invasive or an "N" for native. Have fun!



Kudzu
Pueraria montana

vines are green and hairy when young, becoming dark and woody with age, eventually developing a melty look with little round pores (lenticels),

Leaves attached in groups of 3 (trifoliate)
center leaf has a longer stalk (petiole) than the two outer leaves



Oriental Bittersweet
Celastrus orbiculatus

Brown, woody climbing vine with little round pores (lenticels). Leaves are alternate, usually rounded, with finely blunt-toothed edges



Multiflora Rose
Rosa multiflora

A scrambling shrub. Stout green or gray stems usually have recurved thorns. Leaves are pinnately compound, with 5–9 leaflets. Like other roses, the base of the leaf stem (petiole) has little wings (stipules). Unlike other roses, the stipules have little wiry bristles. Leaves often grow only near the tips of very long stems.



Dog Hobble
Leucothoe fontanesiana

Sprawling evergreen shrub with arching stems. Leaves are alternate, laurel-like, glossy, sharply serrated. Leaves and stems turn reddish in fall.



Cowbane
Oxypolis rigidior

Is 2–6 foot tall perennial herb. Pinnately compound roundish leaves have 7-11 leaflets. The leaflets usually have at least a few teeth which may be hard to see. Never put anything that looks remotely like this plant near your mouth (it, and several relatives are potentially poisonous).



Common Winterberry
Ilex verticillata

A deciduous (loses its leaves in the winter) shrub in the holly genus. Leaves have serrated margins and pointed tips. Bark is grey and smooth with little round lenticels. Fruits are small and red, containing 6-8 tiny hard seeds. Do not eat.



White Turtlehead
Chelone glabra

Tall Stem

Leaves: 3-6 inches long, dark green, serrated, opposite-branching, lance-shaped (lanceolate)

White flowers in a cluster at top of stem
The flowers look a little like a turtle peeking out of a shell, which gives the plant its name.
Do not eat



Amur honeysuckle
Lonicera maackii

Large deciduous shrub. Opposite, oval leaves with pointed tips. Stems are usually hollow. White/yellow flowers and bright red fruits have very short stems.

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