

Do you have this dangerous vine?
Black Swallow Wort is spreading through our region.
It kills monarch butterflies!



The plant's pods open & seeds spread in August or September!
Remove the pods and throw away in a sealed trash bag.
The plant is an eye irritant--wash your hands after handling.

More info? Contact WildCohasset.org

How to identify in Massachusetts:

Spring:



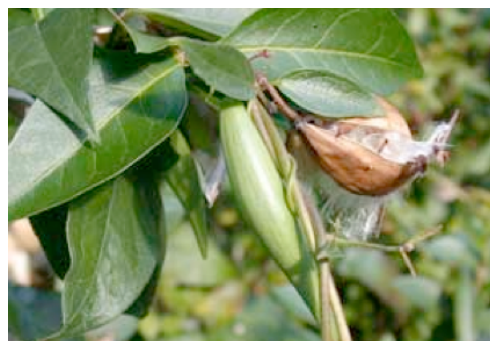
Summer: tiny black/purple flowers



Late Summer: Develops pods



End of August/September: Pods open & seeds spread via air



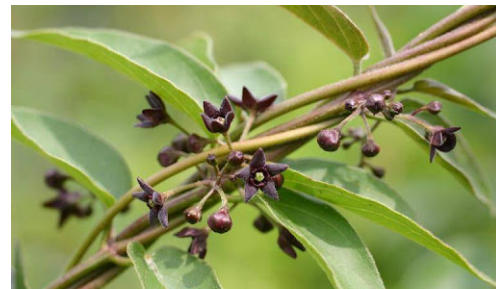
Best Practices for Removal:

***Wear gloves and do not touch your eyes!**

1. Any time of year: If plants are young, dig out completely by the root.



2. If the vines are well established and mature, it can be extremely difficult to remove all the roots. Therefore, it is recommended that you keep the vine trimmed close to the soil and **THROW THE VINE AWAY IN A SEALED PLASTIC BAG**. This is important to do before the pods develop in August or September. For a huge infestation, you can keep the field mowed so flowers never develop.



3. If you can't dig out or cut down the vine, removing the pods is the single most important thing to do to control spread. Pick them off and dispose of them in a closed plastic bag. If some of the pods are open, you can wrap packing tape around them prevent the seeds from going airborne (or, using extreme caution, grab the pod and transfer into a plastic garbage bag).

