

# New Invaders Watch Program

## Early Detection and Rapid Response Network

COMMON NAME: **AMUR PEPPERVINE**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*

FAMILY: *Vitaceae*

ORIGIN: Northeast Asia - China, Korea, Japan, and Russian Far East

US INTRODUCTION: Cultivated around the 1870s as a bedding and landscape plant

MAJOR PATHWAYS OF SPREAD:

- Distribution and use for ornamental gardens
- Birds
- Small animals
- Possibly by water



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IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTICS:

- Perennial, deciduous, woody vine, spreads by seed and vegetatively
- Inside of the stem (the pith) is white and continuous across nodes. Bark does not peel
- Leaves alternate, heart-shaped base, 3-5 lobed, toothed edges
- Flowers greenish-white occur opposite the leaves
- Fruit colorful, lilac, to green or bright blue, produced in summer
- Threatens forest and pond edges and stream banks

NATIVE LOOK-ALIKES:

Native grape, *Vitis riparia*, looks similar to amur peppervine, but the inside of the grape stem is brown and the bark peels, fruits in fall.