

EASTERN POISON IVY

Toxicodendron radicans

- Leaves of three, let it be. This native is located throughout the park, so please be watchful and stay on paths.
- All parts contain Urushiol, which can cause severe skin irritation upon contact. It takes on many forms, from small seedlings to shrubs, to high-climbing vines.
- In South Florida, it is usually vine climbing in trees or creeping along the ground. Vines growing on the trunk of a tree become firmly attached through numerous aerial rootlets.
- During the fall and winter, its leaves may turn “fall” colors and drop, leaving only the woody vine with its reddish hair-like roots. Like the leaves, the woody vines may cause irritation upon contact.
- It flowers in the spring/summer and produces clusters of creamy flowers at leaf axils; fruit is a small white berry-like waxy drupe eaten by animals. However, it is not advised for human consumption.

