

**Porcelain-berry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*)**

**Also called:** Amur peppervine

**Family name:** Grape (Vitaceae)

**Native range:** Asia

**NJ Status:** Emerging Stage 2- Uncommon (may be regionally common or abundant). This plant is *highly threatening* to natural communities. All detected occurrences should be eradicated.

**General description:**

- Perennial, climbing, woody-stemmed vine
- Grows 10'-20' or more
- Climbs by tendrils, similar to native grapes
- Pith (center) of mature stems is white
- Bark does not peel and has lenticils



**Leaves:**

- Alternate
- 3-5 lobes on each leaf, heart-shaped base
- Extremely variable leaf shape/lobing
- Coarse teeth
- 2"-4" wide
- Young twigs, leaf stems and the undersides of the leaves are hairy



Variable leaf shape in porcelainberry. (Grape leaves are also very variable).



**Flowers:**

- Small, greenish-white
- Blooms in clusters, May-August



**Fruit:**

- Speckled, 0.25" spheres
- Ripening from September-October
- Fruits are borne in clusters
- Vary in color from yellow to lilac to green, and mature to a blue color



**Habitat:**

- Stream banks, floodplains, roads, fields, edges

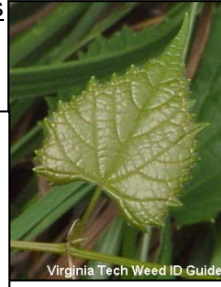
**Commercial Availability:** Yes

Shreddy bark of grape

**Look-alikes:**

**Grape species (*Vitis* sp.)**

- Native perennial vine
- Similar leaf shape
- Brown stem pith (center)
- Shredding or peeling bark
- Lacking lenticils
- Dark blue or berry



Grape leaves can be lobed or unlobed; most often taper to a distinct point



purple

**Moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*)**

- Native perennial vine- MILDLY TOXIC
- No tendrils on the stem
- 3-7 broad shallow lobes, untoothed
- White pendulous clusters (yellow anthers)
- Black fruits (grape-like)

Moonseed

