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Greenbriar

Smilax rotundifolia and *S.*

Life cycle: Deciduous perennial vine.

Leaves: Alternate, simple with smooth margins and parallel veins. Heart shaped

Stems: Smooth green with sharp spines.

Flowers and fruit: Flowers are green and form in April/May. Fruit are single, bluish-black, and may persist into the winter.

Reproduction: Plants spread laterally from buds on lateral roots. Birds eat the berries and disperse seeds widely.

Similar weeds

Smilax glauca (Catbriar) is a very similar species but leaves are narrower.



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Greenbriar on a blueberry bush.