

Hedera helix

English ivy

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Voucher specimens needed in ND, SD, NE, KS, MN, IA, WI, CT, RI, VT, NH & ME.

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Form: Evergreen climbing vine. Stems attach to the bark of trees, brickwork, and other surfaces by way of numerous, small rootlike structures which exude a glue-like substance. Older vines are known to reach a foot in diameter. Young shoots densely covered with stellate hairs.

Leaves: Alternate, dark green, waxy, somewhat leathery. Many recognized leaf forms, the most common being a 3-lobed leaf with a heart-shaped base. Leaves in full sun are often unlobed, oval and have wedge-shaped bases.

Flowers/fruit: Umbrella-like clusters of small, greenish-white flowers which bloom in the fall. Fruit is black with a fleshy outer covering enclosing one to a few hard, stone-like seeds. Fruiting occurs in spring.

Habitat: Woodlands, forest edges, fields, hedgerows, coastal areas, salt marsh edges, and other upland areas, especially where some soil moisture is present. Does not grow well in extremely wet conditions and is often associated with some form of land disturbance.

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