

# STOP THE SPREAD



## Mile-a-minute Weed

*Persicaria perfoliata*

**FRUIT RESEMBLE BLUEBERRIES AND ATTRACT WILDLIFE WHO THEN ACT AS A DISPERSING AGENT**

### UNWANTED PLANTS

**Origin:** Native to South East Asia it was accidentally brought to Pennsylvania in 1930 as a seed contaminant. Since its arrival it has spread over 500 km along the North Eastern Coast of the U.S.

**Status:** Currently not in Canada. Found in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia.

**Impacts:** Able to grow half a foot a day it overtakes native vegetation by growing over top smothering them and blocking out the sunlight.

**Where to Look:** Direct sunlight is preferred along with damp soil. It is prevalent in open and disturbed areas; along roadsides, ditches, stream banks, wet meadows and clear cuts.



Fruit



#### Look For:

- ◊Stems have recurved barbs
- ◊Leaves also have recurved barbs on underside. Light green in colour, triangular in shape, have saucer-shaped sheaths at base of each leaf
- ◊Flowers are white and inconspicuous, grow on a spike
- ◊Fruit resemble blueberries



**Report a Sighting:**

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