

STOP THE INVASION



“THE VINE THAT ATE THE SOUTH”

UNWANTED PLANTS

Origin: A perennial climbing vine that is native to Japan, Kudzu was brought to the U.S. in 1875 for the worlds fair. Later it was used as forage for livestock and as a soil stabilizer.

Status: It has rapidly spread along the Atlantic coast; as far north as Illinois, south west to Texas and south to Florida where it is negatively impacting the everglades.

Impacts: Able to grow a foot a day it outcompetes and kills native plant species by crowding and shading. It can grow over objects pull down hydro poles and trees and has been known to collapse buildings.

Where to Look: An opportunistic Kudzu is able to grow in various habitats and environments but does prefer full sun. It does best on well drained soils, disturbed areas, roadsides, old fields, vacant lots and abandoned yards.



Root Bulb



House being covered by Kudzu

Look for:

Roots: Crown root forms Spreading out vines wich produce new roots, that then mature into root crowns and sends out more vines.

Leaves: 3 dark green leaflets with shallow lobes, hairy underneath

Flowers: purple and smell like grapes, similar to pea flowers. Seeds are contained in pods



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