

# *Toxicodendron radicans* – Poison Ivy

Native woody vine or shrub



Poison ivy has trifoliate leaves.  
Photo: Donna Ellis, UConn



Leaves can have entire, toothed or lobed margins.

Top-left photo: Nicole Gabelman, UConn. Top-right photo: Joseph A. Marcus. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Bottom-right photo: John Pickering, [www.discoverlife.org](http://www.discoverlife.org). Bottom-left photo: Steven J. Baskauf, [bioimages.vanderbilt.edu](http://bioimages.vanderbilt.edu).

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Mature poison ivy vine.  
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Left: Flowers. Photo: Les Mehrhoff, [www.discoverlife.org](http://www.discoverlife.org). Center: Immature fruits. Photo: Donna Ellis, Uconn.  
Right: Mature fruits. Photo: Peter Burn, [www.discoverlife.org](http://www.discoverlife.org)



Leaves turn yellow to red in the fall. Left photo: Michael Strickland, [www.discoverlife.org](http://www.discoverlife.org).  
Right photo: Carolyn Fannon, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

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*Poison ivy can grow along the ground or high into tree crowns.*  
*Left photo: Peter Burn, [www.discoverlife.org](http://www.discoverlife.org). Right photo: Bobby Hattaway, [www.discoverlife.org](http://www.discoverlife.org)*