

Common poison ivy

Toxicodendron radicans

Description

All parts of this plant are highly toxic.

Habit

Perennial shrub or woody vine that can reach a height of 3 ft. or 60 ft. long.

Leaves

Alternate, trifoliate, 7-10 in. long, leaflets are ovate and irregularly toothed, shiny green above and paler below.

Stems

Slender, gray to reddish-brown in color, sparingly pubescent or glabrous, older growth is densely covered and hairy.

Flowers

Dioecious, small, yellowish-green in color, appearing in clusters.

Fruits and Seeds

Greenish white, round, 0.25 in. in diameter, borne in hanging clusters.



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**Habitat**

Native to North America.

Reproduction

By seed or vegetatively.

Similar

Atlantic poison oak (*Toxicodendron pubescens*), Pacific poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*), Skunkbush sumac (*Rhus trilobata*), Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*).

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