

COMMON NAME:
VIRGINIA CREEPER VINE

SCIENTIFIC NAME:
PARTHENOCISSUS INSERTA

OTHER COMMON NAMES: AMERICAN IVY AND THICKET CREEPER

FLOWER COLOR: GREEN

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: IN SMALL CLUSTERS AND VERY SMALL

FLOWERING TIME: MAY TO JULY

LEAVES: ON STEMS USUALLY COMPOUND DIVIDED INTO FIVE OR AS MUCH AS SEVEN PARTS

OBSERVABLE FRUIT: LITTLE GRAPE BERRIES ABOUT 1/8" TO 1/4"

NORMAL SIZE: UNLIMITED CLIMBING UP INTO TREE TOPS

NOT EDIBLE: POISONOUS BERRIES BUT NOT TO THE TOUCH

NORMAL ELEVATION: 4500' TO 8000'

HABITATION: MOIST WOODLANDS WITH EXPOSURE TO SUN

ABUNDANCE: COMMON

NOTABLE DETAILS: WOODY VINE WITH LARGE COMPOUND LEAVES DIVIDED INTO FIVE TO SEVEN PARTS
CLIMBING TO TOPS OF TREES AND OCCASIONALLY SPREADING ON THE GROUND

SPECIAL INTEREST: SOMETIMES THOUGHT TO BE POISON OAK OR POISON IVY BUT IS NOT POISONOUS TO
THE TOUCH. IT IS SOMETIMES MISTAKEN FOR WILD GRAPES BUT ITS BERRIES ARE POISONOUS.