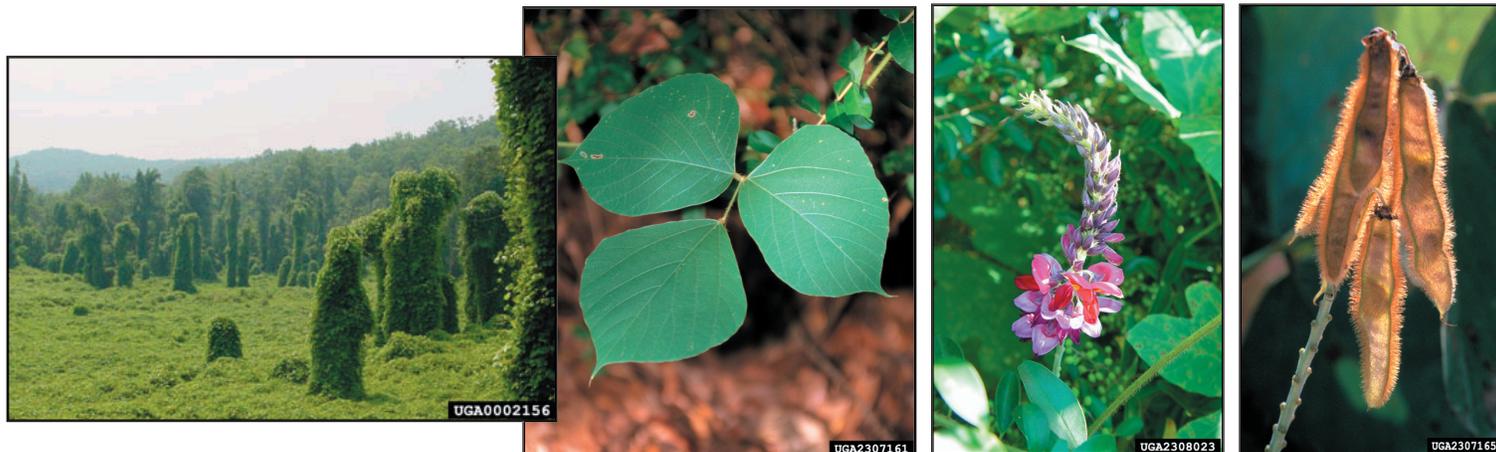


SOUTHERN INDIANA'S 10 MOST WANTED INVASIVES

INVASION AND STRANGULATION OF FOREST COMMUNITIES

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Aliases: *Pueraria montana*, *Pueraria lobata*

Description

Entered US:	early 1900s	Flowers:	June-Sept. Pealike flowers in pairs or threes
Place of Entry:	Southeastern US	Leaves:	Alternate, pinnately compound 3-leavelets.
Height:	Woody ropelike vines 35-100 feet long	Seeds:	Sept-Jan. Clustered flattened legume pods. Green ripening to tan with golden-brown hairs.
Diameter:	Vines to 10 inches across.	Color:	Green with fine golden hair on leaves.
Habitat:	Along right-of-ways and stream banks.	Nationality:	Japanese and Chinese
Remarks:	Introduced for erosion control and livestock feed. Vine does fix nitrogen in the soil.		
Scars and Marks:	Forms dense mats over the ground, debris, shrubs, and mature trees. Vines root at nodes and seed spread by wind, animal, and water. Roots are 3-16 feet deep.		

CAUTION

Colonizes and totally covers entire forests. Armed with seeds and the ability to grow quickly and spread - Extremely invasive. Please take action immediately!

“REWARD”

We are offering a reward - the satisfaction of helping your environment - in exchange for help leading to the control of this Top Ten Most Wanted Invasive.