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## Nature Flashcards

### Vines

Based on Nature Quiz  
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## Poison Ivy

*Toxicodendron radicans*



- **Homo sapiens is only mammal that gets contact dermatitis from this vine**
- **White pearl-sized berries are enticing to songbirds**
- **3 leaflets/leaf**

## Mustang Grape

*Vitis mustangensis*



- Hairy underside of leaf – like a felt mat
- Fruit consumed by raccoons and possums
- Great for jellies; old timers used fruit to make wine

## Peppervine

*Ampelopsis arborea*



- Often mistaken for poison ivy (and does cause contact dermatitis in some people)
- Black berries in fall size of BB's; birds eat; not edible by humans
- Not an aggressive vine, rather reclusive; likes some shade

## Virginia Creeper

*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*



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- Red leaves in fall and small blue-black berries; resemble grapes but deadly poisonous
- Leaves palmately compound with 5 leaflets
- High-climbing (trees, barn)

## Southern Dewberry

*Rubus riograndis*



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- Stems with hard prickles
- Low arching vine
- Fruit coveted by songbirds, possums, raccoons
- Fruit green/red/black
- Fruit great for pies, cobbler, jams, jellies



## Coral Honeysuckle

*Lonicera sempervirens*



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- Native; not as prolific as its invasive cousin
- Orange trumpet flowers in whorls
- Red or orange berries not edible

## Japanese Honeysuckle

*Lonicera japonica*



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- **INVASIVE!!**
- Flowers turn from white to yellow as they age
- Sweet smelling flowers
- Displaces native vegetation – grows on all kinds of soil

## Rattan, Supplejack

*Berchemia scandens*



- Only vine you can swing on
- Grows to top of trees
- Common at Brazos Bend State Park
- Thick vine (1 – 1.5")
- Used in wicker furniture

## Trumpet Creeper, Trumpet Vine

*Campsis radicans*



- Grows up side of trees, over fences
- Prolific
- Blooms in July/Aug.
- Flowers are orange trumpets
- Hummingbirds love
- Causes contact dermatitis in some individuals

## Dodder

*Cuscuta species*



- **PARASITE** – no chlorophyll so must extract nutrients from other plants
- Also called Angel's Hair and Tangled Gut
- No wildlife value
- Can be used to dye wool yellow