

## *Ampelopsis glandulosa*, Porcelain Berry

An insidious vine, Porcelain Berry is almost indistinguishable from native Wild Grape until fully grown. There are large populations of this plant in the Lower Hudson PRISM, notably in Westchester County and they are on their way north into CapMo.

**Population Status:** Confirmed- Columbia, Albany, and Saratoga Co.

**Description:** Porcelain Berry, like other invasive vines, has a growth habit that naturally shades out other species of plants and can end up choking out native trees. It is named for its multi-colored berry that has a mixture of white and blue-purplish color which birds will eat, spreading the plant. The leaves have a shiny underside and otherwise resemble grape. The bark of porcelainberry is rough but less flakey than wild grape, which has bark that comes off in long strips.

**Control:** No manual control measures.

**Look-alikes:** Wild Grape (native) is the most obvious and they can be differentiated through bark or by the fruit. Wild Grape has shaggy bark that birds can use for nesting as well as a solid colored fruit. On porcelainberry, the fruit have an upward tilt, while wild grapes will droop down.

**Flower Time and Description:** Flowers are small and green-white, appearing in July-August in cymes.

