



Poison Ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*)

Be careful!

“Leaves of three, let it be; berries white, take flight” Indeed, poison ivy is a vine sporting three leaflets. The leaflets are quite variable being either dull or shiny and toothed or smooth. . . , Please remember “leaves of three” does not necessarily mean “spray herbicide on me.” Beautiful spring wildflowers like jack-in-the-pulpit and trillium have three leaflets but these are not vines. Note that poison ivy uses red hairs, or aerial rootlets, to cling to tree trunks. As the saying suggests, a three-leaved vine with hanging white berries should be avoided...unless you’re a bird. Over 60 types of birds eat poison ivy berries.