

BLACK SWALLOWWORT

Cynanchum louiseae



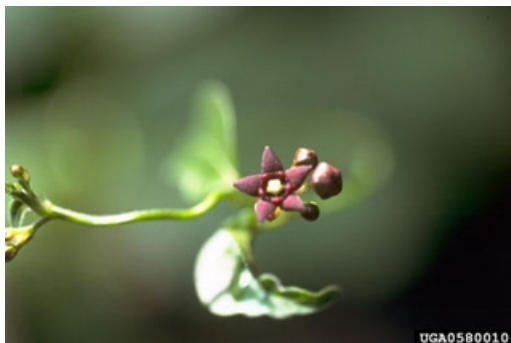
Mature Height	3 to 8 feet vines	Soil Type	Upland Areas
Mature Spread	Dense Colonies	Flower Color	Dark Purple to Black
Mature Form	Vines	Foliage Color	Dark Green
Growth Rate	Rapid	Fall Color	Dies back to ground
Sun Exposure	Prefers sun, Tolerates shade		
Soil Moisture	Prefers moist		

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Black swallow-wort is a threat to native flora because of its vigorous growth and the formation of dense patches that cover and shade out native plants. It is a member of the milkweed family and the Monarch Butterfly lays eggs on it but the larva do not survive. The seed pod (right) resemble the native milkweed pod. This invasive plant from southwest Europe is just now gaining a foothold in Indiana. It is a perennial vine that grows over other plants to a height of 3 to 8 feet. Early detection and removal is the best way to control this plant. Triclopyr ester and glyphosate are the best chemical controls. Wait to spray foliage until after flowering begins, otherwise not enough leaves are present to accept enough spray to kill the roots.



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