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Invasive exotic porcelain-berry and native grapes are in the same family, Vitis. The leaves of porcelain-berry also tend to be extremely varied, even on the same vine. Keep this easy "tell" in mind this time of year!

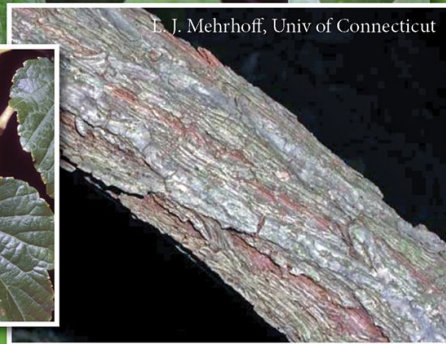


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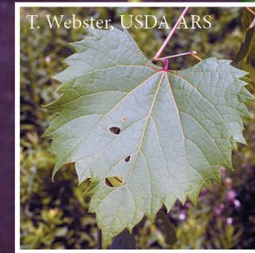


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porcelain-berry
(*Ampelopsis gladulosa* var. *brevipedunculata*)

- Flower heads are upright, umbrella-shaped clusters;
- Berries also held upright, even when vine dipping down;
- Fruit hard berries, appearing Sept-Oct, varying in color from green to white to pink or lavender and blue;
- Older bark is flaky and fissured, brown or grayish, but does not shred.

native grapes
(*Vitis* spp.)

- Flower heads broad at the base and taper toward the tip, drooping downward;
- Berries droop downward too, like grapes in a vineyard;
- Fruit watery, varying in color from green to black or purple;
- Mature bark shreds;
- Leaves more often entire, but can be lobed.

