



English Ivy covers this wooded area. These trees will collapse if action is not taken.

English Ivy (Hedera helix)

Kills native trees and plants!

- ◊ English Ivy **steals** the light, nutrients and space of trees and plants.
- ◊ Ivy **smothers** native plants.
- ◊ Ivy **stops** the growth cycle of native plants.
- ◊ Native habitat is **lost** unless ivy is removed.

Disrupts our ecosystem!

- ◊ Rats and other vermin nest in Ivy, but desirable wildlife won't eat it or live near it.
- ◊ Ivy paves the way for other invasive species like Morning Glory, Himalayan Blackberry and Clematis.
- ◊ Ivy's shallow roots aid ground erosion.
- ◊ Ivy causes poor watershed health.

Quarantined in Oregon!

- ◊ English Ivy cannot be imported, exported, propagated, cultivated, retailed, or wholesaled in the state of Oregon.
- ◊ English Ivy is on Oregon's noxious weed list.
- ◊ English Ivy is on Portland's **prohibited** plant list for new projects.

Cut your blooming ivy.

- ◊ **In late fall**, the mature plant produces a small, white flower that looks similar to mistletoe.
- ◊ **If its flowers are cut once in fall**, English Ivy will not produce berries in spring.



Ivy flowers in the fall.

Stop the seeds.

- ◊ **In late winter and early spring**, mature ivy produces purple berries.
- ◊ **Birds like starlings** and stellar jays eat the berries and spread the seeds into pristine natural areas, as well as areas cleared of English Ivy.
- ◊ **Ivy berries are toxic** to most native birds, and are **not an important food source** for northwest wildlife.



Spreading the seeds of destruction.



JUVENILE IVY



MATURE IVY

Know the difference.

The Leaf

- ◊ **Juvenile ivy** has three to five points and is not rounded.
- ◊ **Mature ivy** has oval-shaped leaves.

On the Ground

- ◊ **Juvenile ivy** grows in a mat on the ground.
- ◊ **Mature ivy** has bushy stalks that rise a short distance above the ground.

On Trees

- ◊ **Juvenile ivy** clings to trees.
- ◊ **Mature ivy** spirals around trees and grows outward.

Most Importantly...

- ◊ **Mature English Ivy** produces flowers in fall and berries in spring.