

Passiflora suberosa

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Passiflora suberosa L.

Family: Passifloraceae

Description: Herbaceous vine, stems angled, striped. Leaves narrow to ovate, 4 inches long by 1.6–3.5 inches wide, entire or deeply lobed. Flowers bell-shaped, 1 inch diameter, white sometimes with purple base. Fruits are berries, dark purple when ripe, 0.75 inches diameter⁽⁷⁰⁾. *Suberosa*, corky bark⁽⁵⁾.

Distribution: Native to the American tropics. Naturalized in Hawai‘i in grassland, shrub land, dry to mesic forests on O‘ahu, Maui, and Hawai‘i. First collection in 1916 on O‘ahu⁽⁷⁰⁾.

Environmental impact: Smothers tall trees in mesic forests. Seeds spread by animals.

Management: Probably sensitive to hormone-type herbicides but may require basal treatments to protect host plants. Young plants susceptible to drizzle applications of glyphosate at 1 lb/acre.

