



English Ivy *Hedera helix* L Ginseng family (Araliaceae)

Origin: Europe, Western Asia and Northern Africa

Ecological Threat

English ivy is an aggressive invader that threatens all vegetation levels of forested and open areas, growing along the ground as well as into the forest canopy. Vines climb up tree trunks, spread out and envelop branches and twigs. This blocks sunlight from reaching the tree's foliage, thereby impeding photosynthesis. An infested tree will decline for several years before it dies. Also, the added weight of vines makes trees susceptible to blowing over during storms.

Got Ivy? We Feel For You!

- Ivy is one of Mother Nature's most tenacious invasive plants...growing up to 9 feet a year!
- Ivy is difficult to eradicate because of its quick growth and tenacious vines, but it **can** be done
- The Oswego Watershed Council has great information for ivy removal in the link below:

<https://www.oswegowatershed.org/arbormonth21/#hero>