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Riverbank Grape

Vitus riparia

Light: Full Sun, Partial Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Loam, Sand

Moisture: Medium, Medium-Dry, Dry

Benefits: Pollinators, Birds, Woodland Mammals

Height: Up to 50'

Blooms: May, Jun

Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Color: Yellow-Green

Root: Taproot

Riverbank Grape is a woody, fast-growing perennial vine that can grow up to 50 feet by climbing existing trees and shrubs using tendrils. The plant provides a very valuable source of food and cover to many insects, birds and woodland mammals. Caution: Riverbank Grape can become aggressive along woodland edges and other disturbed areas where seed is spread. It can also sprawl 6 inches to 2 feet above the ground if not supported. The plant is typically better behaved in shadier riverbanks and mature forests where it competes well with other forest species.

The fruit of the Riverbank Grape is relished by upland gamebirds, many songbirds, waterfowl and woodland mammals.