

# THE AIR POTATO INVASION

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(*Dioscorea bulbifera*) **INVASIVE and TOXIC**

**GROWTH:** Twining, deciduous vine that can grow 60–70 feet long. Spreads underground and through air tubers.

**LEAVES:** Large, about 8 inches long, simple and alternately–arranged. They are broadly heart–shaped.

**BULBILS:** Air potatoes, or bulbils, are roundish and smooth, and they grow up to 5x4 inches.

**REMOVAL:** Remove air potato bulbils and other plant material. Plants become dormant in the winter and it's easier to locate and remove bulbils during the winter months.

**DISPOSAL:** Dispose so that vines do not spread to new areas.