

## Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)

Origin: Native.

Status in Park: Widespread, usually as short ground cover but sometimes as tree-climbing vines.

Characteristics: Vine can be 60 feet long, or as ground cover, up to 1 foot tall; flowers yellowish green and small (1/4 inch), in clusters, in early to mid-summer; fruits occur in autumn as fleshy blue-violet berries about 1/3 inch across.

Leaves: Alternate, palmately compound, 5 (rarely 3 or 7) leaflets; leaflets up to 6 inches long, coarsely toothed; dark green above and light green below, both sides smooth.



Location of tagged vine:



Notes: Being a vine, Virginia creeper is sometimes confused with poison ivy, but it has five leaflets instead of poison ivy's three and is not generally a cause of dermatitis.