

Wild Grape (*Vitis* sp.)

Origin: Native.

Status in Park: Widespread, especially on the edges and in the old fields, creating dense masses covering trees and shrubs in some cases.

Characteristics: Vines grow up to 50 feet long, diameter 3 inches or more; younger bark is yellowish green to reddish, mature bark is brown and shredding; flowers tiny (1/8 inch), yellowish green, in clusters, May-June; fruits are grapes, 1/4-1/2 inches in diameter blue-black.

Leaves: Alternate, simple, 4-8 inches long; shallowly to deeply lobed, with 3 major lobes and a broad gap between the two basal lobes; edges with coarse teeth; dark green above, paler beneath, smooth or slightly hairy.



Location of tagged vines:



White-centered symbol indicates leaves are too high to be easily seen.

Notes: Wild grapes have high value to wildlife. Pollinators flock to the flowers. The vines can provide protective cover for nesting birds.