

# **PARTHENOCISSUS QUINQUEFOLIA**



*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*, commonly known as Virginia creeper, ivy, five-leaf ivy, or five fingers, is a flowering vine species in the grape family Vitaceae.



The species is native to eastern and central North America, and its range extends from southeastern Canada and the eastern United States, west to Manitoba and Utah, and south to eastern Mexico and Guatemala. It has been introduced globally and is considered an invasive species to varying degrees in the European Union, the United Kingdom, China, Australia, and Cuba.



## Cultivation and Uses

*Parthenocissus quinquefolia* is grown as an ornamental plant for its ability to quickly cover walls and buildings and for its dark red to burgundy fall foliage. It is easily propagated from stem cuttings taken in spring.



It is often seen covering telephone poles or trees. By shading the supporting plants and thus limiting their ability to photosynthesize, it can kill other plants it covers. Its aggressive growth can damage slow-growing understory trees by overloading them with its weight. Its ability to spread through its extensive root system makes it difficult to eradicate.