



*SMILAX ROTUNDIFOLIA*

# greenbriar

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Greenbriar or *Smilax rotundifolia* is a deciduous climber native to Florida. This plant is also native to other parts of southeastern US and eastern Canada. The greenbriar vine can grow up to 20ft long.

Photo from Toadshade Wildflower Farm



Photo from NCSU Plant Database

# history

The Cherokee Indians used *Smilax rotundifolia* to treat leg pain. The vines and roots were also boiled to create a tea for stomach aches and a prayer was spoken as the individual drank it.



Photo from the University of Michigan

## uses

The plant is edible. The young shoots can be eaten raw in salads or cooked like asparagus. A beer can be made from the roots; the roots can also be ground up into a powder for baking purposes.



Photo from the Clemson University

## fun fact

*Smilax rotundifolia* can withstand fire by resprouting!