

# Black Swallow-wort (*Cynanchum louiseae*/*Vincetoxicum nigrum*)

## Identification



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**Overall:** twining perennial vine that dies back each winter

**Leaves:** opposite, shiny dark green, oval to heart-shaped with tapered tip and smooth edges

**Flowers:** small, dark purple, star-shaped flowers in clusters, bloom June-August

**Fruit:** green pointed pod splits open to reveal brown seeds attached to tufts of white hair, similar to milkweed

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