



WHITE BRYONY

BOTANICAL NAME:

Bryonia alba

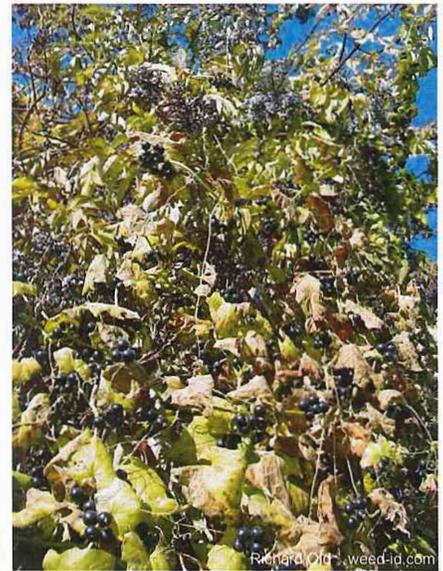
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

White bryony is an aggressive herbaceous perennial vine with climbing stems. Stems have long curling, not branched tendrils and the flowers are from leaf axils. Numerous stems grow from the root each spring, dying back in the fall. Both male and female flowers are found on the same plant.



Flowers are a pale green to white color. Leaves are simple, triangular, alternate, broadly toothed and 3 to 5 lobed. The upper and lower surfaces have small white glands. It has thick, tuberous, fleshy, light yellow roots. Berries range in color from dark green to black at maturity.

WHY IS IT A NOXIOUS WEED? All parts of the plant are toxic to humans, livestock and other animals. The bryonin in the berries and leaves can result in illness and death. Forty berries can kill an adult. The sap of White bryony can cause a rash and irritation. Root, leaves and stems are also



considered poisonous. White Bryony is threatening orchards, urban communities, trees, riparian areas and native and natural habitats.

HOW DO I CONTROL IT? Try to sever the root 3-4 inches below the root surface. This can be difficult because of the thickness of the root, and the plant's ability to resprout tenaciously. Control is better if you coat the cut surface of the root with concentrated glyphosate. There currently no biological control agents available for it.

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