



Dioscorea oppositifolia

Chinese yam

General

1. Perennial vine

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: China and India/ Sri Lanka
2. Habitats
 - Natural forests, riparian zones, ruderal/disturbed areas, urban areas, wetlands
 - Commonly found at edges of rich, mesic bottomland forests, along stream banks and drainages, and near fencerows
 - Tolerates all levels of light
 - Typical of silty loams, alluvial habitats



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<http://www.issg.org/database/image.asp?ii=866&ic=e>

Invasion Pathways

1. Introduced into North America as an ornamental vine; escaped cultivation

Sources

1. <http://www.issg.org/database/species/ecology.asp?si=296&fr=1&sts=sss&lang=EN>