

Hedera helix, English Ivy

English Ivy is an extremely popular landscaping plant and makes appearances on many historical buildings where they actually cause damage through their aerial root systems.

Population Status: Confirmed- Saratoga Co.

Description: The leaves of English Ivy are variegated with variable leaf shape, though the most common form has three lobes. With no structure, the plant will grow as a ground cover, but when provided with the opportunity to climb, the vine will ascend vertically. They are woody vines with woody aerial roots that grow into bark and structures alike. The variegation of the leaves of English Ivy can come in multiple forms, from white venation, a whitish border around the leaf, or no variegation at all.

Control: Small plants can be pulled up, but for larger mature plants can't be controlled manually.

Look-alikes: English Ivy looks somewhat like *Pachysandra* (non-native) another popular landscaping plant that has some invasive potential but no listing as of yet in New York State. It has a shrubbier growth pattern, unlike the distinctive vine of English Ivy.

Flower Time and Description: Produces green-white flowers in early fall, though it is easy enough to identify this plant without flowers.

