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Wild bean or groundnut

Apios Americana

Life cycle: Herbaceous perennial with a vine-like growth habit.

Leaves: Compound with 5 to 9 pointed leaflets

Stems: Narrow stems emerge from below ground each spring. These wrap tightly around supporting plants such as blueberries and break readily if pulled.

Flowers and fruit: Flowers are a distinct dark purple to brown color. They form in clumps in early summer.

Reproduction: Plants may be introduced to new areas by seeds, but spread in through production of tubers on spreading roots. Tubers are up to an inch long, fleshy, and edible.



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Wild bean tuber



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