

Weeds of Sweetwater Creek – Recognition and Management

English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) origin Europe

Description: green palmate leaves edged with five points. A vigorous climber with woody stems, frequently seen encasing a tree trunk or covering large areas of ground. Ivy flowers when it reaches light, from February to August, a cluster of greeny-yellow flowers followed by blue-black fleshy berries.



Habit: Climbs up trees and over ground, aided by the fine roots along the stem. Also spreads by seed dispersal by birds.

Treatment: Cut stems which are climbing trees, carefully pull roots and stems from soil. Start from the outside of an infested area and weed towards the centre. Bag every scrap and where difficult to dig out, dab surfaces of roots with Roundup.