

Air potato vine, or *Dioscorea bulbifera*, is a plant native to Asia that was introduced to Florida in 1905. It has now been classified as a Category 1 invasive in the entire state of Florida. This means that there is documented ecological damage to the native plant community. Unfortunately, this plant can be found in Pine Run. Volunteers are meeting on Thursday mornings to remove the vines from our native plants. This involves not only pulling the vines out of the trees and plants, but following it to the underground tubers, which then need to be dug up so that the plant does not regenerate. The pictures below show a closeup of the leaf, resident Pam Williams hard at work digging tubers and a closeup of a tuber.





