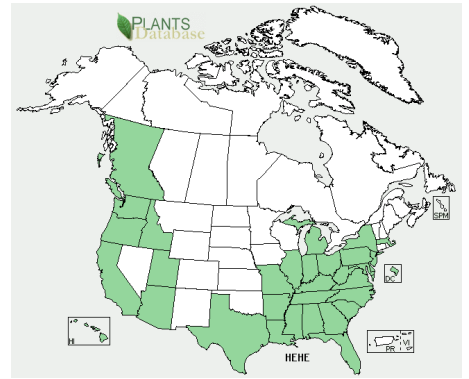


Plants of the Month: December

English Ivy



Hedera helix

Not Native / Invasive. Evergreen.

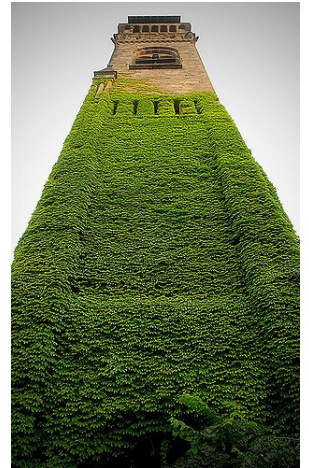
How to recognize: Climbing shrub (can climb almost anything.) If there's nothing to climb, it will trail on the ground

Leaves: Dull green, lighter colored veins, grow alternately along the stems. 5 lobes.

Vines exude a glue-like substance that lets them stick to almost any surface. Older vines can be as thick as 5 inches.

Flowers: Small yellow green flowers in the fall.

Berries: Small, dark purple-black berries in late winter / early spring, mildly toxic to humans.



English ivy is an invasive plant, considered a noxious weed in King County. It can crowd out other plants, and because of its shallow roots, it doesn't protect from erosion and landslides like other plants can. It can damage walls and fences. When it climbs a tree, the tree is more likely to have rot and disease, and more likely to blow over in a windstorm.