



# **AIR POTATO**

**FAMILY: *DIOSCOREACEAE***

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:**

***DIOSCOREA BULBIFERA***

**DESCRIPTION: AIR POTATO IS A PERENNIAL VINE WITH BROAD, ALTERNATE LEAVES, AND TWO TYPES OF STORAGE ORGANS. THE PLANT FORMS BULBILS IN THE LEAF AXILS OF THE TWINING STEMS, AND TUBERS BENEATH THE GROUND. AIR POTATO CAN GROW EXTREMELY QUICKLY, ROUGHLY 8 INCHES PER DAY, AND EVENTUALLY REACH OVER 60 FT LONG. IT IS KNOWN FOR TAKING OVER NATIVE PLANTS.**

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