



Japanese Climbing Fern: Top Weed for Garden and Home Damage in Florida

What Is Japanese Climbing Fern?

This invasive, extremely difficult-to-eradicate noxious weed overwhelms gardens, lawns, and trees. Its roots can damage home foundations and clog drainpipes.

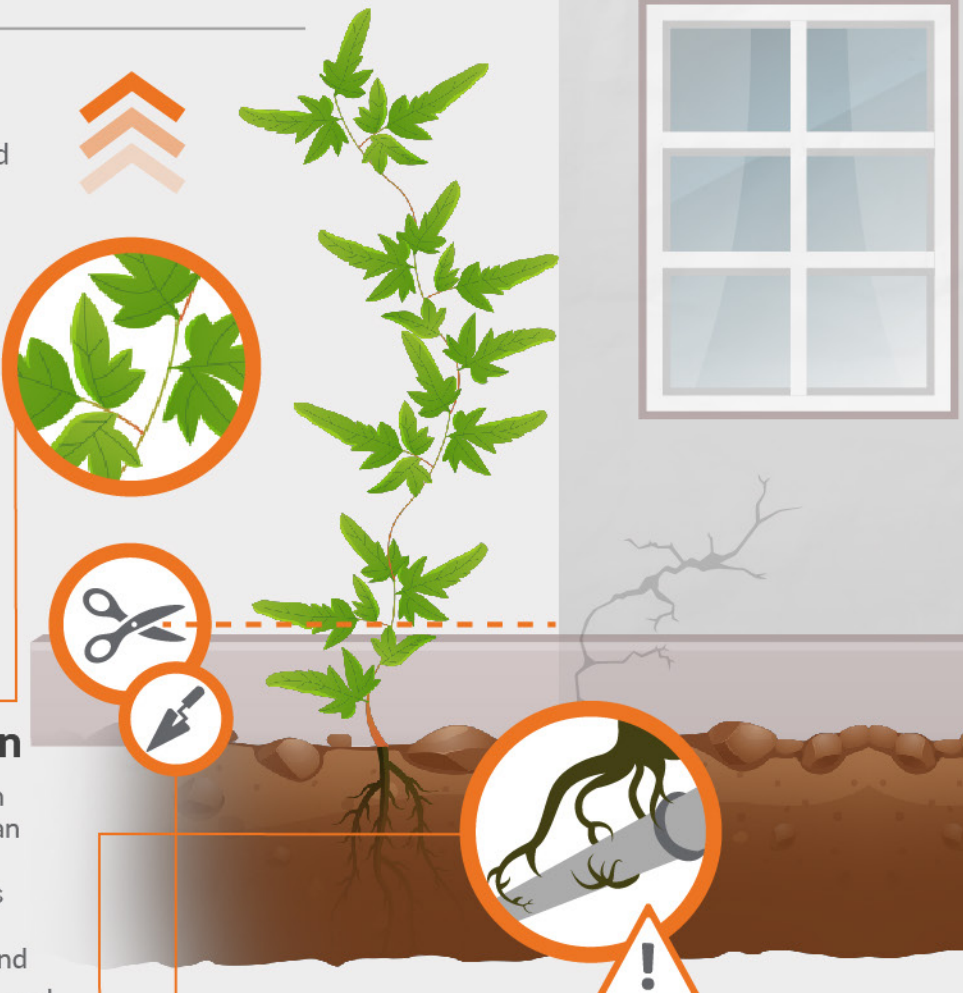
- Vine-like plant that climbs over shrubs and trees
- Can grow into 10-foot-thick mats over plants
- Stems can grow up to 90 feet long
- Roots and rhizomes form one-inch-deep mat
- Spores release year-round in southern Florida

How To Identify Japanese Climbing Fern

- ✔ Green triangular leaves three to six inches long, three inches wide
- ✔ Stems are reddish brown, orange, or black wiry vines
- ✔ Fronds bear sporangia, releasing spores
- ✔ Dark brown rhizomes can form multi-layers below and above ground
- ✔ Grows over and into shrubs, trees, and plants

Damage From Japanese Climbing Fern

- Overwhelms gardens, lawns, and trees
- Can clog and crack drainpipes
- Damages home foundations
- Cost to eradicate up to \$1,500 per acre
- Negative impact on home value



How To Protect Your Home

- ✔ Remove at once before it overwhelms your garden.
- ✔ Dig out underground roots and rhizomes.
- ✔ Dispose in a plastic bag to prevent spreading.
- ✔ Herbicides work but apply only to fern; avoid neighboring plants.
- ✔ Consult an expert in eradication.
- ✔ Have your home inspected by foundation repair professionals.

We've helped homeowners with foundation damage from plants, trees, weather events, and shifting soil. Contact Florida Foundation Authority for a free inspection.