

Swallow-wort ALERT!

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Hello Neighbor,
Black or pale swallow-wort
(a.k.a. dog-strangling vine)
has been spotted in the
immediate area and may
have invaded your landscape.
Please be on the look-out for
this highly invasive* plant.



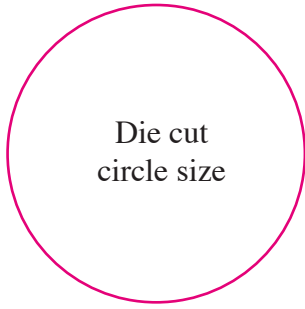
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Twining vine with oval pointed
leaves and a small five petal
star shaped flower. Can be
black or pale in color.



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*An invasive plant is an alien
(non-native) species whose
introduction does or is
likely to cause economic or
environmental harm or harm
to human health. This is a
photo of a typical Swallow-
wort infestation.



BLACK OR PALE SWALLOW-WORT

Impacts:

- Forms extensive patches that crowd out mature trees and other vegetation.
- Produces 2,000 seeds per square meter in thick infestations.
- Can fool Monarch butterflies into laying eggs, but is not a useable food source for the caterpillars.

Prevent Further Spread:

- Remove seed pods as seeds can travel extremely long distances.
- Pods should be burned or bagged for disposal.
- **DO NOT COMPOST.**

CAUTION! Some removal methods can spread the infestation.

To learn more visit www.misin.msu.edu



Using chemical treatments can be hazardous to people, pets, and landscapes. Read and follow the entire manufacturer's label for usage.

For invasive plant treatment assistance contact invasive coordinator at 616.402.9608 or email westmi-cisma@macd.org

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