

Assessment of Non-native Plants in Florida's Natural Areas

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	Vicia villosa ALL ZONES	Answer	Score
1.01	Is the species highly domesticated?	n	0
1.02	Has the species become naturalised where grown?		
1.03	Does the species have weedy races?		
2.01	Species suited to Florida's USDA climate zones (0-low; 1-intermediate; 2-high) North Zone: suited to Zones 8, 9 Central Zone: suited to Zones 9, 10 South Zone: suited to Zone 10	2	
2.02	Quality of climate match data (0-low; 1-intermediate; 2-high)	2	
2.03	Broad climate suitability (environmental versatility)	у	1
2.04	Native or naturalized in habitats with periodic inundation North Zone: mean annual precipitation 50-70 inches Central Zone: mean annual precipitation 40-60 inches South Zone: mean annual precipitation 40-60 inches	У	1
2.05	Does the species have a history of repeated introductions outside its natural range?	у	
3.01	Naturalized beyond native range	у	2
3.02	Garden/amenity/disturbance weed	unk	
3.03	Weed of agriculture	У	4
3.04	Environmental weed	У	4
3.05	Congeneric weed	У	2
4.01	Produces spines, thorns or burrs	n	0
4.02	Allelopathic	?	
4.03	Parasitic	n	0
4.04	Unpalatable to grazing animals	?	
4.05	Toxic to animals	у	1
4.06	Host for recognised pests and pathogens	у	1
4.07	Causes allergies or is otherwise toxic to humans	У	1
4.08	Creates a fire hazard in natural ecosystems	n	0
4.09	Is a shade tolerant plant at some stage of its life cycle	у	1
4.10	Grows on infertile soils (oligotrophic, limerock, or excessively draining soils). North & Central Zones: infertile soils; South Zone: shallow limerock or Histisols.	ı.	
4.11	Climbing or smothering growth habit	у	1
4.12	Forms dense thickets	n	0
5.01	Aquatic	n	0
5.02	Grass	n	0
5.03	Nitrogen fixing woody plant	n	0
5.04	Geophyte	n	0
6.01	Evidence of substantial reproductive failure in native habitat	n	0
6.02	Produces viable seed	у	1

	Risk Assessment Results	Hi	gh
	Implemented Pacific Second Screening	18 no	
	Total Score		
8.05		?	
8.04	Tolerates, or benefits from, mutilation or cultivation	unk	-1
8.03	Well controlled by herbicides	у	-1
8.02	Evidence that a persistent propagule bank is formed (>1 yr)	у	1
8.01	Prolific seed production		
7.08	Propagules dispersed by other animals (internally)		
7.07	Propagules dispersed by other animals (externally)		
7.06	Propagules bird dispersed	unk	-1
7.05	Propagules water dispersed	n	-1
7.04	Propagules adapted to wind dispersal	n	-1
7.03	Propagules likely to disperse as a produce contaminant	n	-1
7.02	Propagules dispersed intentionally by people	у	1
	areas)		1
7.01	Propagules likely to be dispersed unintentionally (plants growing in heavily trafficked	у	
6.07	Minimum generative time (years)		
6.06	Reproduction by vegetative propagation	у	1
6.05	Requires specialist pollinators	n	0
6.04	Self-compatible or apomictic	У	1
6.03	Hybridizes naturally	unk	-1

section		satisfy
	# questions answered	minimum?
Α		10 yes
В		9 yes
С		16 yes
total		35 yes

	Reference	Source data
1.01		cultivated, but no evidence of selection for reduced weediness
1.02		
1.03		
2.01	%20zones/10- year%20climate/PLANT_HARDINESS_10YR%20lgnd.tif). 2. USDA,	No computer analysis was performed. 1. Global hardiness zone: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; equivalent to USDA Hardiness zones: 6a: to -23.3 °C (-10 °F) USDA Zone 6b: to -20.5 °C (-5 °F) USDA Zone 7a: to -17.7 °C (0 °F) USDA Zone 7b: to -14.9 °C (5 °F) USDA Zone 8a: to -12.2 °C (10 °F) USDA Zone 8b: to -9.4 °C (15 °F) USDA Zone 9a: to -6.6 °C (20 °F) USDA Zone 9b: to -3.8 °C (25 °F) USDA Zone 10a: to -1.1 °C (30 °F) USDA Zone 10b: to 1.7 °C (35 °F). 2. Native to AFRICA Macaronesia: Spain - Canary Islands Northern Africa: Algeria; Egypt; Libya; Morocco; Tunisia ASIA-TEMPERATE Western Asia: Afghanistan; Cyprus; Iran; Iraq; Israel; Lebanon; Syria; Turkey Caucasus: Azerbaijan; Georgia; Russian Federation - Chechenolingushetia, Dagestan, Krasnodar, Stavropol Middle Asia: Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan EUROPE Middle Europe: Austria; Czechoslovakia; Germany; Hungary; Poland; Switzerland East Europe: Belarus; Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania; Moldova; Russian Federation - Belgorod, Bryansk, Chuvashia, Kaliningrad, Kalmykia, Kursk, Lipetsk, Mordvinia, Orel, Rostov, Saratov, Smolensk, Tambov, Tatarstan, Tula, Ulyanovsk, Volgograd, Voronezh, Yaroslavl; Ukraine [incl. Krym] Southeastern Europe: Albania; Bulgaria; Former Yugoslavia; Greece [incl. Crete]; Italy [incl. Sardinia, Sicily]; Romania Southwestern Europe: France [incl. Corsica]; Portugal; Spain [incl. Baleares]
	1. Köppen-Geiger climate map (http://www.hydrol-earth-syst-	1. Distribution in the native/cultivated range occurs in Cfa, Csb,
2.04	sci.net/11/1633/2007/hess-11-1633-2007.pdf). 1. Climate Charts. World Climate Maps. http://www.climate-charts.com/World-Climate-Maps.html#rain (8-19-2015) 2. Tropical Forages http://www.tropicalforages.info/key/Forages/Media/Html/Vicia_villosa_subspvaria.htm (9-28-2015) 3. Heuzé V., Tran G., Edouard N., Lessire M., Lebas F., 2015. Hairy vetch (Vicia villosa). Feedipedia, a programme by INRA, CIRAD, AFZ and FAO. http://www.feedipedia.org/node/238 Last updated on May 11, 2015, 14:31	Csa, Bsk, Bwk, Dfb, Dfc, Dsb 2. Grown in areas with average annual rainfall (350 -) 500 - 700 (-1,000) mm, often where clovers and medics do not do well. Has moderate drought tolerance, and does not tolerate waterlogging. 3. Hairy vetch does well in areas where annual rainfall is 350-1000 mm.
2.05	1. Colleen Smith, Censusing Lianas In Mesic Biomes of Eastern RegionS A project of Robyn J. Burnham, University of Michigan http://climbers.lsa.umich.edu/?p=329 (9-21-2015) 2. Calflora http://www.calflora.org/cgi-bin/species_query.cgi?where-taxon=Vicia+villosa+ssp.+varia (10-2-2015) 3. New England Wildflower Society https://gobotany.newenglandwild.org/species/vicia/villosa/ (10-2-2015)	V. villosa was introduced to the United States and can be found in every state, including Alaska and Hawaii. It is present in Canada in the following provinces: BC, MB, NS, ON, QC, YT. The species is native to central and southern Europe, Asia, and North Africa 2. Introduced and naturalized in California. 3. Hairy vetch was introduced from Europe as a forage crop for livestock, and to stabilize banks and roadsides.

3.01	1. Owsley, M. 2011. Plant fact sheet for Hairy Vetch (Vicia	1. Hairy vetch naturalized to the U.S. from Europe. Hairy vetch is
	villosa). USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA	distributed throughout each of the 50 states. 2. Naturalized in
	NRCS. Americus, GA 31709. 2. Stuckey, Ronald L., and Thomas	the US from Europe.
	Duncan. Flora of the Erie Islands: Its Origin, History and Change.	
	Raleigh, NC: LuLu, 2010. Print.	
3.02		
3.03	1. Illinois Wildflowers	1. Sometimes this plant becomes an agricultural pest and invades
	http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/weeds/plants/hairy_vetch.ht	
	m (9-27-2015) 2. Tropical Forages	in natural habitats. 2. It is primarily a weed of disturbed sites,
	http://www.tropicalforages.info/key/Forages/Media/Html/Vicia_	which can include grain crops following a green manure crop of
	villosa_subspvaria.htm (9-28-2015) 3. Owsley, M. 2011. Plant	the legume. 3. The primary environmental concern with hairy
	fact sheet for Hairy Vetch (Vicia villosa). USDA-Natural Resources	vetch is the ability of this naturalized plant to spread and
	Conservation Service, USDA NRCS. Americus, GA 31709.	maintain a stand after establishment. This is usually in crop
		areas, idle fields, and along roadways.
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	http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/weeds/plants/hairy_vetch.ht	
	m (9-27-2015) 2. Cabi http://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/56371	
	(10-2-2015)	and can behave as an agricultural or environmental weed It has
		the potential to affect ecosystem processes, altering the nitrogen
		content in the soil and also soil water availability. It can cause
		changes to habitat structure through forming dense herbaceous
		layers and outcompeting native species for space. In California, it
		has been evaluated as an invasive plant but its impacts in
		wildlands are considered minor; it is primarily an agricultural
		weed
3.05	1. Holm, LeRoy G. A Geographical Atlas of World Weeds.	1. Vicia sativa is a serious weed in Indonesia, Italy, Portugal, and
1.01	Malabar, FL: Krieger Pub., 1991. Print.	Poland. Vicia cracca is a serious weed in Finland.
4.01	1. Owsley, M. 2011. Plant fact sheet for Hairy Vetch (Vicia	no evidence of these features
	villosa). USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA	
4.02	NRCS. Americus, GA 31709.	1 Allalamathia / ann alas ha an aduantana \ 2 Uaimatab yaa dib.
4.02	1. Tropical Forages	1. Allelopathic (can also be an advantage) 2. Hairy vetch readily
	http://www.tropicalforages.info/key/Forages/Media/Html/Vicia_villosa_subspvaria.htm (9-28-2015) 2. Heuzé V., Tran G.,	resumes its growth during spring and, combined with a tendency to allelopathy, the stand smothers spring weeds efficiently 3.
	Edouard N., Lessire M., Lebas F., 2015. Hairy vetch (Vicia villosa).	Cyanamide was identified as a major plant growth inhibitor in the
	Feedipedia, a programme by INRA, CIRAD, AFZ and FAO.	leaves and stems of hairy vetch, accounting for the major
	http://www.feedipedia.org/node/238 Last updated on May 11,	proportion of the crude extract's inhibitory effect on the
	2015, 14:31 3. Kamo et al. (2003) First isolation of natural	elongation of lettuce hypocotyl. Other lesser-contributing
	cyanamide as a possible allelochemical from hairy vetch Vicia	phytotoxic compounds in the crude extract could also contribute
	villosa. J Chem Ecol 29: 275-283 4. Inderjit and Asakawa (2001)	to the total inhibitory activity on elongation of lettuce radicle. 4.
	Nature of interference potential of hairy vetch(Vicia villosa Roth)	"In general, hairy vetch suppressed the root length of radish, but
	to radish (Raphanus sativus L.): does allelopathy play any role?	these inhibitory effects were eliminated when medium was
	Crop Protection 20:261-265	supplemented with N fertilizer. Shoot height of radish was not
	5.55555667 201202 200	affected by either treatment. No difference in the levels of
		inhibition of radish or phenolic content was recorded with two
		light regimes. The present study suggests that growth inhibition
		of radish seedling may not be due to phenolics leached by hairy
		vetch, and allelopathy cannot be invoked."
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4.03		no evidence
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4.04	1. Illinois Wildflowers	The foliage of Hairy Vetch is palatable and can be eaten by
1.07	http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/weeds/plants/hairy_vetch.ht	
	m (9-27-2015) 2. Tropical Forages	being poisoned after feeding from bags that contained seeds of
	, , , ,	Hairy Vetch. 2. It is generally considered unpalatable to cattle in
	villosa_subspvaria.htm (9-28-2015) 3. Owsley, M. 2011. Plant	the early stages of growth or on first exposure to the plant, but is
		often well-eaten by sheep at any stage. Cattle may take a few
	Conservation Service, USDA NRCS. Americus, GA 31709.	days to accept it. 3. Hairy vetch produces high crude protein
4.05		content and is utilized as forage for livestock.
4.05	1. Tropical Forages	Vegetative material is generally considered safe for ruminant
		consumption, but there are many references to poisoning in
	villosa_subspvaria.htm (9-28-2015) 2. Heuzé V., Tran G.,	cattle, pigs and poultry from eating seeds of V. villosa ssp. varia.
		2. It is commonly grown with a small grain crop (rye, wheat or
	Feedipedia, a programme by INRA, CIRAD, AFZ and FAO.	oats) or with annual ryegrass to provide good quality forage
	http://www.feedipedia.org/node/238 Last updated on May 11,	(Hannaway et al., 2004). However, hairy vetch forage and seeds
	2015, 14:31	are known for their potential toxicity to livestock
4.06	1. Colleen Smith, Censusing Lianas In Mesic Biomes of Eastern	1. V. villosa is poisonous to cattle. Consumption of the vine or its
	RegionS A project of Robyn J. Burnham, University of Michigan	seed is associated with a number of syndromes in cattle that
	http://climbers.lsa.umich.edu/?p=329 (9-21-2015) 2. Illinois	cause rashes, pinkeye, and diarrhea, acute nervous derangement
	Wildflowers	and often death 2. Hairy vetch poisoning (vetch-associated
	http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/weeds/plants/hairy_vetch.ht	disease) of cattle is a generalized disease characterized
	m (9-27-2015) 3. Food and Agriculture Organization	pathologically by infiltration of skin and many internal organs by
	http://www.fao.org/ag/agp/AGPC/doc/Gbase/data/pf000506.ht	monocytes, lymphocytes, plasma cells, and often eosinophils and
	m (9-28-2015)	multinucleated giant cells and clinically by dermatitis, pruritis,
		often diarrhea, wasting, and high mortality. 2. Insects feeding on
		the seeds or seedpods include Acanthoscelides spp. (Bean
		Weevils) and Pitedia persimilis (Stinkbug sp.), while Epicauta
		fabricii (Blister Beetle sp.) 3. Several pests which can sometimes
		cause plant damage in the USA are listed by Miller and Hoveland
		(1995): pea aphid (Acyrthosiphon pisum), corn earworm
		(Heliothis zea), fall armyworm (Spodoptera frugiperda) and
		spider mite (Tetranychus spp.). The seed of hairy vetch, but not
		common vetch, is susceptible to damage by the vetch bruchid
		(Bruchus brachialis) and so natural reseeding in pastures is poor.
		(bruchus bruchians) and so natural resecuting in pastares is poor.
4.07	Colleen Smith, Censusing Lianas In Mesic Biomes of Eastern	Seeds are toxic and if ingested can cause neuropathy,
4.07		_ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	RegionS A project of Robyn J. Burnham, University of Michigan http://climbers.lsa.umich.edu/?p=329 (9-21-2015) 2. Roger J.	dermatopathy, and favism. 2. Hairy vetch poisoning (vetch- associated disease) of cattle is a generalized disease
	Panciera, Derek A. Mosier, Jerry W. Ritchey Hairy vetch (Vicia	characterized pathologically by infiltration of skin and many
	villosa Roth) poisoning in cattle: update and experimental induction of disease J Vet Diagn Invest 4:318-325 (1992)	internal organs by monocytes, lymphocytes, plasma cells, and often eosinophils and multinucleated giant cells and clinically by
4.00	http://vdi.sagepub.com/content/4/3/318.full.pdf (9-21-2015)	dermatitis, pruritis, often diarrhea, wasting, and high mortality.
4.08	1 Illiania Milaffaccara	no evidence
4.09	1. Illinois Wildflowers http://www.illinois.wildflowers.info/woods/plants/hairy, yetsh.ht	1. Full or partial sun 2. Moderate shade tolerance.
	http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/weeds/plants/hairy_vetch.ht	
	m (9-27-2015) 2. Tropical Forages	
	http://www.tropicalforages.info/key/Forages/Media/Html/Vicia_	
	villosa_subspvaria.htm (9-28-2015) 2. Owsley, M. 2011. Plant	
	fact sheet for Hairy Vetch (Vicia villosa). USDA-Natural Resources	
	Conservation Service, USDA NRCS. Americus, GA 31709.	
4.40		
4.10		
		Specific information on soil preferences was limited for this species.

4.11	1. Colleen Smith, Censusing Lianas In Mesic Biomes of Eastern	V. villosa uses forked tendrils at the tips of its leaves to climb 2.
	RegionS A project of Robyn J. Burnham, University of Michigan	When it is provided with support for upright growth, hairy vetch
	http://climbers.lsa.umich.edu/?p=329 (9-21-2015) 2. 1. Owsley,	may climb and reach 1-2 m in height 2. Trailing or climbing
	M. 2011. Plant fact sheet for Hairy Vetch (Vicia villosa). USDA-	
	Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA NRCS. Americus,	
	GA 31709.	
4.12	1. Illinois Wildflowers	While Hairy Vetch forms colonies, they are not dense enough to
	http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/weeds/plants/hairy_vetch.ht	exclude other species of plants
	m (9-27-2015) 2. Heuzé V., Tran G., Edouard N., Lessire M., Lebas	
	F., 2015. Hairy vetch (Vicia villosa). Feedipedia, a programme by	
	INRA, CIRAD, AFZ and FAO. http://www.feedipedia.org/node/238	
	Last updated on May 11, 2015, 14:31	
5.01		Family: Fabaceae
5.02		Family: Fabaceae
5.03	1. Colleen Smith, Censusing Lianas In Mesic Biomes of Eastern	1. fixes nitrogen but is not a woody plant
	RegionS A project of Robyn J. Burnham, University of Michigan	
F 04	http://climbers.lsa.umich.edu/?p=329 (9-21-2015)	No saiden se of these feetings
5.04	1. Owsley, M. 2011. Plant fact sheet for Hairy Vetch (Vicia villosa). USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA	No evidence of these features
	NRCS. Americus, GA 31709.	
6.01	INCO. Alleneds, GA 51705.	no evidence
6.02	Colleen Smith, Censusing Lianas In Mesic Biomes of Eastern	V. villosa regenerates readily via seeds
	RegionS A project of Robyn J. Burnham, University of Michigan	
	http://climbers.lsa.umich.edu/?p=329 (9-21-2015)	
6.03		no evidence
6.04	1. Tropical Forages	1. V. villosa ssp. varia is an out-crossing but self-fertile species. 2.
	http://www.tropicalforages.info/key/Forages/Media/Html/Vicia_	although some self-pollination may occur; cross-pollination
	villosa_subspvaria.htm (9-28-2015) 2. Cabi	greatly increases seed production
	http://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/56371 (10-2-2015)	
6.05	1. Colleen Smith, Censusing Lianas In Mesic Biomes of Eastern	V. villosa is cross-pollinated by insects. Self-pollination is
	RegionS A project of Robyn J. Burnham, University of Michigan	possible, however, seed set is increased when bees pollinate the
	http://climbers.lsa.umich.edu/?p=329 (9-21-2015) 2. Illinois Wildflowers	flowers 2. The nectar of the flowers attracts long-tongued bees
	http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/weeds/plants/hairy_vetch.ht	primarily, especially bumblebees. 3. Hairy vetch is utilized during
	m (9-27-2015) 3. Owsley, M. 2011. Plant fact sheet for Hairy	politiation by buttible bees.
	Vetch (Vicia villosa). USDA-Natural Resources Conservation	
	Service, USDA NRCS. Americus, GA 31709.	
6.06	1. Illinois Wildflowers	The root system produces rhizomes, enabling this plant to form
	http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/weeds/plants/hairy_vetch.ht	
	m (9-27-2015)	
6.07		no evidence
7.01	1. Colleen Smith, Censusing Lianas In Mesic Biomes of Eastern	1. V. villosa grows in roadsides, fields, along railroads, and waste
	RegionS A project of Robyn J. Burnham, University of Michigan	places. 2. Habitats include moist to mesic black soil prairies,
	http://climbers.lsa.umich.edu/?p=329 (9-21-2015) 2. Illinois	grassy meadows along rivers or in woodlands, banks of rivers,
	Wildflowers	shoulders of highway overpasses, areas along roads, edges of
	http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/weeds/plants/hairy_vetch.ht	1 · ·
	m (9-27-2015) 3. Tropical Forages http://www.tropicalforages.info/key/Forages/Media/Html///icia	disturbed upland areas; also in cultivated fields, waste places,
	http://www.tropicalforages.info/key/Forages/Media/Html/Vicia_villosa_subspvaria.htm (9-28-2015)	and roadsides, most abundant in sandy soils.
7.02	1. Cabi http://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/56371 (10-2-2015) 2.	Highly likely to be transported internationally deliberately 2.
1 -	Produced by the USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Staff,	Introduced into the US as ornamentals, cover crops, erosion
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	Newtown Square, PA. WOW 02-09-05 Invasive Plants website:	control and as 'smother corps', to control weeds in agricultural

7.03		no evidence
7.04	1. Colleen Smith, Censusing Lianas In Mesic Biomes of Eastern RegionS A project of Robyn J. Burnham, University of Michigan http://climbers.lsa.umich.edu/?p=329 (9-21-2015) 2. Tropical Forages http://www.tropicalforages.info/key/Forages/Media/Html/Vicia_villosa_subspvaria.htm (9-28-2015) 2. Owsley, M. 2011. Plant fact sheet for Hairy Vetch (Vicia villosa). USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA NRCS. Americus, GA 31709.	1. seeds are large and not easily dispersed. While some sources suggest this is ballistically dispersed. 2. Seeds are large and not readily dispersed, other than ballistically as seedpods dry and dehisce.
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7.07	(5 = 7 = 5 = 5)	no evidence
7.08		no evidence
8.01		Limited evidence
8.02	1. Renzi Juan P., Chantre Guillermo R., Cantamutto Miguel A. (2014) Development of a thermal-time model for combinational dormancy release of hairy vetch (Vicia villosa ssp. villosa). Crop and Pasture Science 65, 470–478. 2. Cabi http://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/56371 (10-2-2015)	1. Evidence of persistent seed bank 2. Seeds can remain viable in the soil bank for several years.
8.03	1. Tropical Forages	1
8.04		No evidence, although manual control is widely considered effective

8.05	1. Cabi http://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/56371 (10-2-2015)	1. The larvae of the vetch bruchid (Bruchus brachialis) feed on
		the seeds of V. villosa and can lead to poor reseeding of the plant
		(Owsley, 2011). The presence of this pest may account for why V.
		villosa has not been so widely planted in Mexico and central
		America (Gunn, 1979). Although B. brachialis is the only pest
		considered to be a serious problem (Owsley, 2011), other insect
		pests of forage legumes such as the pea aphid (Acyrthosiphon
		pisum), cutworm (larvae of Noctuidae moths) and corn earworm
		(Helicoverpa zea) can affect V. villosa (Undersander et al., 2015).
		Root-knot nematodes (Meloidogyne spp.) can also cause damage
		to vetch species (Undersander et al., 2015) and V. villosa is
		sensitive to several fungal diseases.