Devil’s potato (*Echites umbellata*)

Note: This information is intended for collecting material from your yard. It is illegal to collect plants from a natural area without landowner permission.

### SEED COLLECTION/PROCESSING
- Seed are available intermittently, peaking in late summer.
- Paired capsules are extremely long and thin.
- Collect capsules after they start to dry and split open.
- Scoop out seed from inside. Discard the empty capsule. You can discard fluff (pappus hairs) that are not connected to seed. It is not necessary to remove seeds from fluff.
- If you do not sow seeds immediately, store them in a dry paper envelope in an air conditioned room for several days.

### PROPAGATION FROM SEED
- Put seeds in a cup full of very warm water and let them sit overnight.
- The next day, sow the seeds onto the surface of a pot of high-quality, well-drained potting soil or germination mix. Press the seeds into the soil surface and then sprinkle lightly with sand or germination mix, but do not bury seeds under more than 1 millimeter of soil.
- Place the pot on a mist bench. If not available, place the pot in bright indirect light, and do not allow the soil to dry out. Germination will occur within 2 weeks.
- Note: this species is extremely slow growing.

### VEGETATIVE PROPAGATION
- We have not attempted vegetative propagation with this species.

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