



# POISON OAK

## TAXICODENDRON DIVERSILOBUM

### IDENTIFICATION



Light **brown** stem

3 irregularly lobed (scalloped) leaves

**Green** leaves in the spring



**Red** leaves in late summer to fall

**“Leaves of 3, let it be!”**

What causes the itchy rash?

An oil called urushiol (ū-‘rū-, -ōl)

Can I get poison oak from my pet?

Yes – Make sure to give them a bath



### PREVENTION SUGGESTIONS

- Wear long pants, long-sleeves, tall socks, and closed-toed shoes
- Wash with soap and cold water as soon as possible
  - Other cleansing agents to try: rubbing alcohol, dish soap, Tecnu®
- Wash all clothes before wearing again