

Devil's walkingstick

Aralia spinosa (Araliaceae)



Identification: This small tree has a trunk you do not want to bump into. Stems have rings of semicircular leaf scars that are lined with sharp spines.

Notes: It spreads by underground runners, producing small thickets. It is sometimes confused with Hercules' club, but *Z. clava-herculis* is typically larger with thicker spines.

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