



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