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-ˈrü-,-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