Solanum dulcamara
BITTERSWEET NIGHTSHADE  (Nightshades Family)

in the Peacock Prairie at the James Woodworth Prairie Preserve
THIS NON-NATIVE SPECIES IS AN EXOTIC, ALIEN, INVASIVE UNDESIRABLE

Violet or purple, shooting star-shaped flowers, 1/2" wide, with flower lobes pointed backward. Flowers in small clusters along the stem. A vine without tendrils; leaves divided into 3 leaflets, or deeply lobed with a large terminal segment, or entire. Green fruit matures into a red berry, somewhat poisonous. Blooms at the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie from about the 2nd week in June through the 4th week in August.

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