

# Glossy Buckthorn

*Rhamnus frangula*



<b>Mature Height</b>	20 + feet	<b>Soil Type</b>	Moist to Well drained
<b>Mature Spread</b>	15 to 20 feet	<b>Flower Color</b>	Yellowish to Greenish
<b>Mature Form</b>	Rounded Shrub	<b>Foliage Color</b>	Glossy Green
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Rapid	<b>Fall Color</b>	Green into late Fall
<b>Sun Exposure</b>	Full Sun to shade		
<b>Soil Moisture</b>	Prefers Moist		

Glossy buckthorn is native to North Africa, Asia and Europe. It was introduced to North America as ornamental shrubs for fence rows and wildlife habitat and is still used in landscaping. Glossy buckthorn is highly invasive and has a wide habitat tolerance, a rapid growth rate and an extensive root system. It produces abundant flowers and fruits throughout the growing season. Seeds are widely dispersed by birds. This shrub aggressively invades natural areas and forms dense thickets eliminating native species. They leaf out very early in the growing season and keep their leaves late into the fall helping to shade out native trees, shrubs and wildflowers. Seedlings can be controlled by mowing, hand pulling or grubbing. Larger plants are best controlled by cutting and treating the stumps with a systemic herbicide.



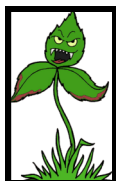
Blooming Plant  
ForestThreats.org



Fruit  
P. Mill @ Invasive.org



Bark  
Baystateforestry.com



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