

Burning Bush

Euonymus alatus

Invasive Species in MA and 20 other states

Found in fields, woods, and mature forests.



- Grows up to 20 x 12 ft with bright red leaves in the fall
- Stems have 'winged' structures, giving it the other common name 'Winged Euonymus'
- Introduced as an ornamental in the late 19th century, and is still sold as such (though it has been banned in MA)

What makes it invasive?

- The plant can form dense thickets, complex root networks, and crowd out every other species in an ecosystem.
- It also has no known predators and regrows additional stems when cut, causing it to grow uninhibited.

Learn more:



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