

Autumn Olive

Elaeagnus umbellata

Invasive Species in MA

Found in disturbed areas, roadsides, and pastures.



- A deciduous shrub/small tree, growing up to 20 x 30 ft
- Sprouts red berries with small silver scales, which is why it's also called 'Silverberry'
- Introduced to the US in the mid-1900s as erosion control

What makes it invasive?

- Autumn olive *changes the surrounding soil chemistry*, causing native plants to die. Learn more:
- It is also *extremely resilient*, and can survive in nutrient poor soil.
- It has a long growing season, and *often sprouts before native plants*.



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