

Autumn Olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*)



Key Identifiers:

- deciduous shrub or small tree
- leaves are alternate
- underside of the dark green leaf is covered with silver white scales
- small light yellow flowers
- numerous small round juicy fruit reddish to pink

Habitat:

- disturbed areas, roadsides, pastures and fields

Methods of reproduction and dispersal:

- seeds are dispersed by birds
- vegetative means

Management Approaches:

- seedlings and sprouts can be hand pulled when the soil is moist insuring removal of root system
- apply glyphosphate to freshly cut stumps
- glyphosphate can effect all green vegetation
- cutting large plants results in vigorous resprouting
- burning results in vigorous resprouting

Sources: eeb.uconn.edu/invasives, connecticut invasive plant working group
Invasive.org
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