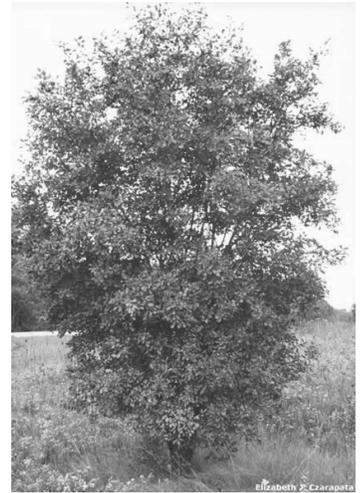


Common and Glossy Buckthorn

Invasive Plants that are major threats to Midwestern Woodlands

The Franklin Environmental Commission would like to continue to inform residents about invasive plants that are major threats to Midwestern woodlands. One invasive plant, the Common or Glossy Buckthorn, are woody shrubs or small trees that can form dense, shady stands in forest understories and former open areas. Both species threaten forests by out-competing native plants and tree seedlings for nutrients, light, and moisture.



Below are helpful links providing more information on Buckthorn and other invasive plants in Wisconsin—how to identify them and how to eradicate/control them.

USDA Forest Service—Forest Invasive Plants Resource Center:
www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/invasiveplants/factsheets/pdf/common-and-glossy-buckthorn.pdf.

DNR Publication—“A Field Guide to Invasive Plants in Wisconsin”:
www.dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/fr/fr0436a.pdf. This publication shows “restricted species”. Restricted species (“R”) are already established in the state. They may not be transported, transferred (including sale), or introduced. If they are already on your property, you are encouraged, but not required, to remove them.

Chemical Free Buckthorn Removal: Includes placing a sunlight blocking cover like a tin can or black baggie over the stump of a buckthorn plant, leave on for a year, and reuse—www.buckthornbaggie.com.