

Invasive Species

Taxonomic Name: *Berberis thunbergii*

Common Name: *Japanese barberry*

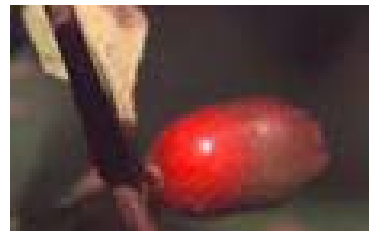
Physical Description:

Growth Type: *Berberis thunbergii* is a shrub that grows to be 3-6 feet tall and is wider at the base than tall. Twig-like branches arch from the ground up and out sometimes touching the ground at the ends.

Leaves: The leaves are arranged on the stem in an alternate fashion. The leaves have an ovate shape with a tip that is wider than the base. The leaves have a very fine texture and a smooth edge. The leaves of this species emerge early in the spring and are bright green however, in the fall they are characterized by orange, red and purple foliage colors. There are many selections of this species with yellow or burgundy foliage during summer.

Flowers: In April this plant develops pendulous flowers that are about ½ inch in diameter and are bright yellow.

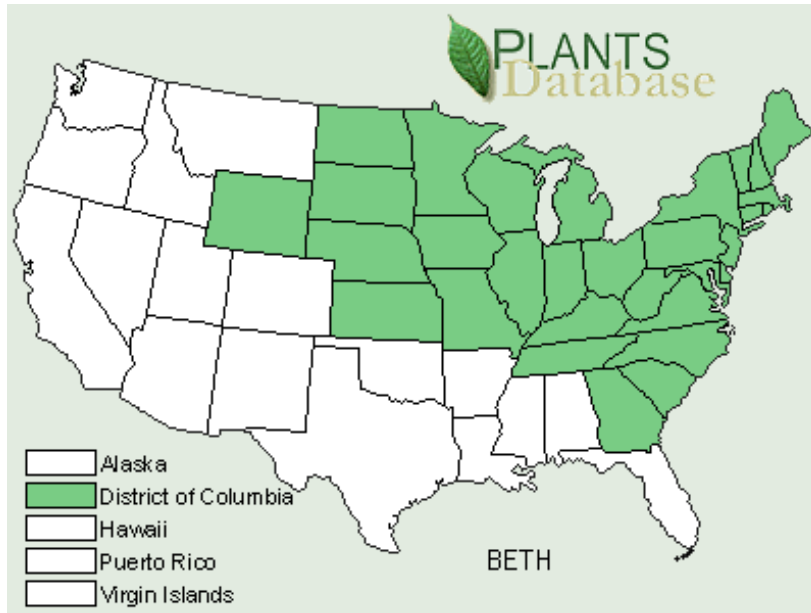
Fruit: In October this plant develops small berries that are 1/3-1/2 inch in length. The berries are red and last on the branches from fall through much of the winter.



Bark: *Reddish-brown bark with ½ inch spines at the nodes of the stems.*

Invasive Nature: *This plant spreads primarily through dispersal of seeds that are eaten in the berries by birds and animals.*

Coverage Area:



Sources:

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