

## Alternative Species

Taxonomic Name: *Celastrus scandens*

Common Name: *American Bittersweet*

Physical Description:

Growth Type: *A vine which climbs by twining, often to 20 feet. Not as aggressive as *Celastrus orbiculatus*.*

Leaves: *Typically oval and 2 – 4 inches in length with slightly smaller width.*

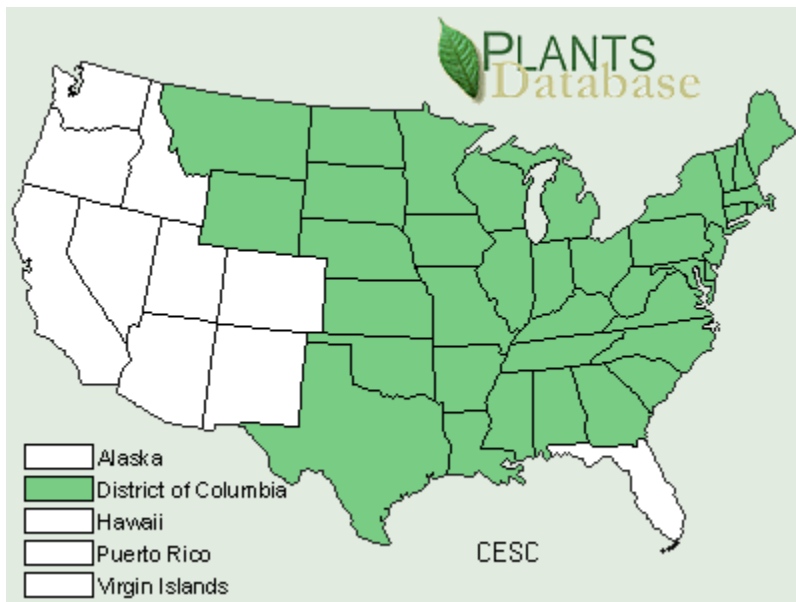
Flowers: *Flowers are small and creamy white in color. They are not ornamental. Flowers are predominantly found in the terminal portion of the stem in early summer.*



Fruit: *Bright yellow capsules containing orange-red seeds are produced in early fall. As with flowers, fruit is located at the terminal portion of the stems, distinguishing this native species from the Oriental bittersweet, *Celastrus orbiculatus*.*



Coverage Area:



Sources:

<http://plants.usda.gov/java/charProfile?symbol=CEOR7>

<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/ceor1.htm>

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