

## Alternative Species

Taxonomic Name: *Hippophae rhamnoides*

Common Name: *seabuckthorn*

Physical Description:

Growth Type: *A large shrub which produces suckers and forms a dense colony. Typically the species grows to a height of 15 feet with similar spread, however, it can spread further from suckers if the soil conditions are suitable.*



Leaves: *The leaves have an alternate leaf arrangement on the stem. They are linear, 1" to 3" long, and silver/ green color.*



Flower: *The flowers are produced on last season's stems in early spring before the leaves however, they are not ornamental.*

Fruit: *The fruit is orange and oval in shape. It is produced in late summer and hangs on through most of the winter. The fruit is very acidic and therefore is eaten by wildlife as a last resort.*

Bark: *The bark is coppery-brown on new stems. There are small spines on the branches in the leaf axils and also at the shoot tips..*



Coverage Area:

*This species is not native to the United States and is only found in cultivation. It has not naturalized yet.*

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