

Invasive Species

Taxonomic Name: *Lonicera maackii*

Common Name: *Amur honeysuckle*

Physical Description:

Growth Type: *Amur honeysuckle is an upright shrub with multiple stems. It can grow up to 15 feet tall and wide.*



Leaves: *Amur honeysuckle's leaves are green, 2 – 3 inches in length and ½ to 1 ½ inches in width. They are coarse feeling to the touch. Their shape is round and almost egg-like. They do not have any ornamental autumn color and typically fall off green.*



Flowers: *The flowers are about 1 inch long and found in pairs in the axils of the leaves in late spring. The flowers are white to start and fade to yellow.*



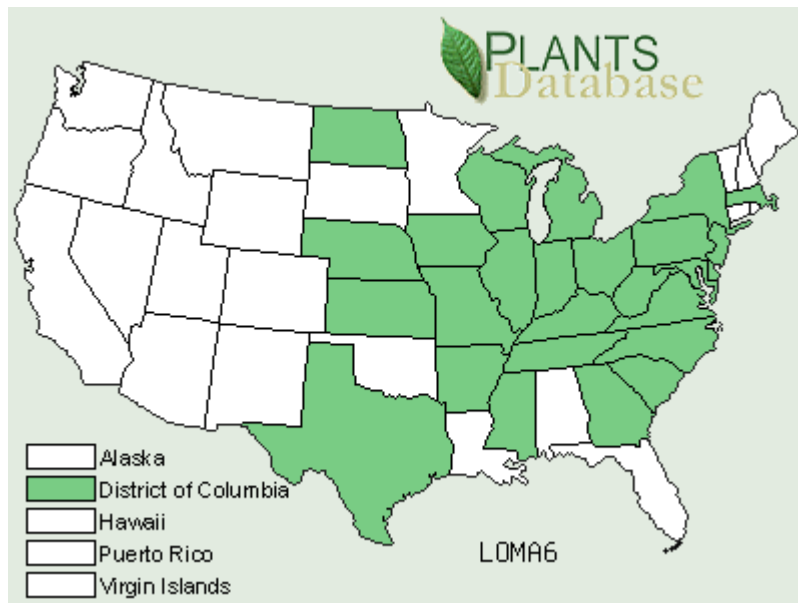
Fruit: *Amur honeysuckle produces an abundance of berries that turn red when ripe.*



Bark: *The bark is grayish-tan and the stems are hollow.*

Invasive Nature: *Amur honeysuckle is spread in two ways: birds and vegetative sprouting. Unfortunately this plant produces its fruit in great abundance which is eaten and dispersed by several bird species. In the Eastern United States alone, more than twenty types of bird feed on this invasive plant's fruit.*

Coverage Area:



Sources:

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