

Invasive Species

Taxonomic Name: *Lonicera tatarica*

Common Name: *Tartarian honeysuckle*

Physical Description:

Growth Type: *Lonicera tatarica* is a perennial shrub growing up to 12 ft high and 12 foot width. Growth shape is rounded.



Leaves: The 1- 2 inch leaves are elliptical in shape with a smooth edge. They are arranged opposite each other on the stem. The leaves are known for their blue-green color.

Flowers: The flowers are very small, about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long and are usually white, pink, or rose-red color. They usually begin to blossom in late spring after the leaves are present and are quite showy.



Fruit: The fruit begins to appear in mid-summer. The fruit is a red berry about $\frac{1}{3}$ inch in diameter. Yellow-fruited selections are available.

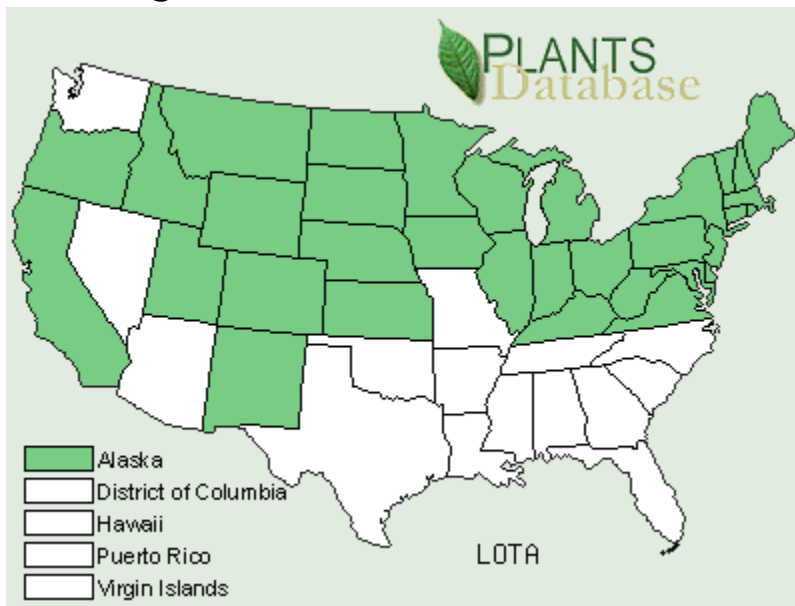


Bark: *The bark of the Tatarian honeysuckle is light, ash-gray in color.*



Invasive Nature: *Lonicera tatarica* is typically spread by birds who have eaten the fruit/seeds. Additionally, the plant is very tolerant of many different soil types and pH levels. For this reason, it is able to out-compete native shrub species for resources and light.

Coverage Area:



Sources:

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