



INVASIVE PLANT ALERT

HIGH PRIORITY INVASIVE SPECIES—IMMEDIATELY REPORT ALL SIGHTINGS TO:
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Glossy Buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*)

Glossy buckthorn is a small tree poised to invade Northern Minnesota. It is highly invasive in undisturbed forest communities and inhibits reproduction of forest trees.

Plants are tall shrubs or small trees to 20' tall, often multi-stemmed.



Fruits are red, turning black, ripening July-August .



THE EASIEST TIME TO IDENTIFY GLOSSY BUCKTHORN IS IN LATE FALL. IT IS THE LAST DECIDUOUS TREE TO DROP ITS LEAVES.

Stems are brown or brownish –green with prominent pale lenticel spots.

Glossy buckthorn infests wet prairies marshes, ditches and wet forests

Leaves are thin, more-or-less oval, glossy on upper surface but may be fuzzy underneath. Edges untoothed or slightly wavy; usually alternate on stem

Flowers are inconspicuous, yellowish-green with 5 petals borne in clusters in the leaf axis late May-September

