

Glossy Buckthorn

Frangula alnus



General Description:

- Shrub: 20-25' tall, single-stem (or multi-stem shrub)
- Leaves: Alternate, thin, glossy, smooth-edged, and ovate/elliptic; prominent veins
- Bark: Gray or brown with elongated pale lenticels; twigs arched or curved
- Winter Buds: Lack scales and rust colored

Prominent Features:

- Leaves: Glossy, smooth margin
- Roots: Maroon in color
- Fruit: Small berries, green, red, or black
- White spots (lenticels) more obvious on younger bark

How to Remove:

- Hand-pull or use weed wrench for smaller plants
- No manual-only option for large trees

Look Alike: Several

- Common Buckthorn: Leaves opposite, serrated margins
- Black Cherry: Leaves finely toothed; twigs have bitter almond scent



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