

WIPE YOUR FEET!

Shoes can carry the seeds of invasive plants like Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*). Please brush them off before entering and leaving this area.



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What's The Problem?

Buckthorn's biology allows it to out-compete many native plants for sunlight, nutrients, and moisture.

- Originally from Europe, common buckthorn lacks "natural controls" like insects or disease that would keep it in check.
- Birds and people unknowingly make the problem worse by spreading the blue-black seeds to other areas.



Other Invasive Plants On The Move...

Siberian Peashrub
(*Caragana arborescens*)



Siberian peashrub can become problematic in nutrient poor areas and disturbed sites.

Exotic Honeysuckle
(*Lonicera tatarica* and *Lonicera morrowii*)



Exotic honeysuckles are invasive because they have the ability to grow in a wide variety of habitats, even dense shade and wet soils.

Amur Maple
(*Acer ginnala*)



A prolific seed producer, Amur maple quickly spreads into open woods where it competes with native plants.

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