

# WANTED



Bush Honeysuckle (*Lonicera tatarica*)

## DEAD NOT ALIVE!

There are 4 plant species that are considered Bush Honeysuckle (Morrow's, Belle, Amur and Tatarian) Honeysuckle is an invasive species that is found in very diverse areas due to its adaptability to many soils and habitats. It is described as an erect, multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub that grows 6- 20 ft tall and usually flowers in May and June with yellow or white tubular flowers. It has long pointed leaves (1-2.5 in. long) that are oval and opposite. It produces red to orange berries that spread rapidly causing a strain on ecosystems because other native plants compete with and lose nutrients to Bush Honeysuckle, which grows faster and has no biological controls. Almost all natural areas are susceptible to Bush Honeysuckle. It is native to Asia and Western Europe and was first introduced to North America in 1752.

## HOW TO KILL IT:

One method for controlling Bush Honeysuckle is the cut-and-spray method, where the plant is cut off close to the ground and the stump is sprayed with a 20-30% solution of glyphosate (tradename: Roundup). Another method for control of smaller plants is hand pulling. Be sure to remove all the root system and let roots air dry to prevent re-sprouting. To do this, hang it upside down in a tree until the roots have dried out.