



# PRIVET

*Ligustrum vulgare*



## IDENTIFICATION

Perennial shrub, growing upright to a height and width of 12-15'. Leaves are up to 2.5" long. Small white flowers grow in clusters at the end of stems and bloom June-July. Shiny, blue-black berries are small in terminal clusters and mature Sep-Oct. Found in a variety of habitats, thriving in high-light, low-nutrient, disturbed soils.

## IMPACTS

This aggressive plant forms dense tickets particularly in bottomland forests and along fencerows, gaining access to forests and fields to out-compete native vegetation.

## MANAGEMENT

Reproduces vegetatively and by seed. Small plants should be dug up before going to seed. Mowing and cutting are appropriate for small populations or environmentally sensitive areas where herbicides cannot be used. Stems should be cut at least once per growing season as close to ground level as possible. Repeated mowing or cutting will control the spread. If using herbicides, always follow label and state requirements. Seek professional advice if necessary. Replace with mock orange or pacific ninebark.

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