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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 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.

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

MANAGEMENT

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 as close to ground level as possible. 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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