



Species: *Frangula alnus* (formerly *Rhamnus frangula*)

(ram'nus fran'jue-lah)

Alder Buckthorn

Cultivar Information

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub > 8 feet

Height: 12' - 18' (spread 8' - 12')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: upright dense hedge

Ornamental Other: tolerant of poor soil fertility

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 4b

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Environmental Other: red fruits quickly turn purple or black

Insect Disease

No diseases listed

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

can become weedy as birds begin to spread seeds; is naturalized throughout eastern United States; prohibited in Canada because it is an alternative host to oat rust. Native to Europe and Western Asia. Species INVASIVE in Northeast US

Cultivars for *Frangula alnus* (formerly *Rhamnus frangula*)

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Asplenifolia	'Asplenifolia' - leaves are linear with a wavy margin, fine-textured, cut-leaf form
Columnaris	'Columnaris' - narrow upright form
Fine Line	'Fine Line' (a.k.a. 'Ron Williams') - columnar habit; fine textured foliage, leaves are linear with a wavy margin, fine-textured

Photos



Frangula alnus - Leaves, Fruit



Frangula alnus - Habit



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Frangula alnus - Bark



Frangula alnus - Leaves



Frangula alnus - Leaves, Fruit



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