



## Species: *Rhamnus cathartica*

(ram'nus kah-thar'tih-kah)

### Common Buckthorn

#### Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub > 8 feet

Height: 18' - 25' (equal spread)

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: large shrub or low-branched tree; rounded crown

Ornamental Other: adaptable to different conditions; tough and durable

#### Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 3b

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

Environmental Other: glossy green foliage (fall foliage not appreciable); thorns; black fruit liked by birds; dark grey bark

#### Insect Disease

leaf spots, rust, powdery mildew, aphids, scales; often prohibited in areas where oats are grown since it is alternate host to crown rust disease

#### Bare Root Transplanting

Any

#### Other

Native to Europe, Western Asia, INVASIVE in US

## Photos



Rhamnus cathartica - Leaves



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Rhamnus cathartica - Leaves, Fruit



*Rhamnus cathartica* - Bark



*Rhamnus cathartica* - Habit



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