



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



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Rhamnus cathartica - Leaves, Fruit



Rhamnus cathartica - Bark



Rhamnus cathartica - Habit



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