



Dwarf Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*)

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Dwarf burning bush (family Celastraceae) is a non-native, dense, mounded shrub. Blooms are tiny yellowish-green flowers. Small (1/3") red fruits ripen in the Fall. It is known for its fiery red fall color and is often used as an accent plant or in hedges. Due to recent restrictions alternative shrubs are recommended.

In October 2020, the plant was added to the [Minnesota State Noxious Weed List](#) as a Specially Regulated Plant. Plant production will be phased out over the next few years and as of January 1, 2023, the species will be moved to the Restricted Noxious Weed category.

Type	Perennial shrub
Hardiness Zone	4 - 8
Sun	Full sun to part shade - shade will diminish fall color
Bloom Time	May to June
Height	9' - 11', but can reach 15' to 20' if unpruned
Spread	9' - 11'
Tolerance	Clay soil, alkaline soil, road salt and black walnut tree proximity
Attracts	Birds which promote seed spread
Additional Features	Both rabbits and deer eat burning bush

Soil and Site Recommendations

- Drainage: well-drained
- Soil pH: can tolerate alkaline soil
- Type: tolerates a wide variety of soil types

Planting Recommendations

- Type: seeds, stem cuttings, ball and burlap or container
- Spacing: 10'

Maintenance

- Watering: regular watering if in full sun
- Fertilization: annually
- Pinching/deadheading: prune in early spring if necessary



Common Problems

Disease: twig blight in wet soil

Insects: spider mites

Resources

<https://extension.umn.edu/>

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/>

Questions or problems: “What’s wrong with my plant?”

<https://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/>

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