

Honeysuckle

Lonicera species

VERY INVASIVE – upcoming in the Arrowhead

Invasive habitat: forests, prairies, fields, roadsides, fens, bogs, lakeshores, pastures.

Native range: Asia



Known in the Arrowhead in isolated areas



IDENTIFICATION



Growth form: deciduous shrub with hollow stems. Bark is light gray–brown and shaggy. Grows to be 5-12' tall.



Flowers: tubular fragrant flowers bloom in late spring or early summer. White to pink in color.



Leaves: opposite, simple, untoothed leaves:
L. japonica has smooth, hairless leaves.
L. morowii has hair on the underside of leaves.



Seeds: spread by birds.
L. x bella has red to orange berries.
L. Japonica has purple-black berries.
L. morowii has red berries.

CONTROL



Manual: digging or pulling small plants is effective.



Chemical: glyphosate (cut stump, foliar), triclopyr ester (cut stump, basal)



Prescribed fire: burns in spring are effective in killing seedlings and in top-killing older shrubs.



Cultural: do not plant as ornamentals.



Mechanical: cutting is effective with herbicide application.