

Put these Invasive plants on your Naughty List!

You can often catch invasive plants doing harm to the environment when bright green, red, pink and silver or white appears on one plant all at once— so enjoy your holidays— but remember to

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Exotic Shrub-like Honeysuckles Oriental Bittersweet

Exotic Honeysuckles are not vines like native Honeysuckle species . Those are beneficial. Invasive Honeysuckles take a shrub form, growing up to 15 feet high, have creamy white or pink flowers in summer and develop red seed clusters . Sets of green egg shaped leaves are directly opposite on the stem. There may be a hole in the middle of the oldest branches which helps to identify the plants. Bark and shallow roots are tan to grayish white color. These unwanted invasives spread rapidly covering the understory of woods in public and private lands.

Oriental Bittersweet vines are woody plants from Eurasia. Bright green leaves with points along with bright red/orange and yellow seed capsules in fall help identify the plants. Roots are bright orange and distinctive. Small plants can be pulled like weeds, while large vines grow to an amazing 60 feet high and require extreme measures to remove. Up to 85% of all seeds germinate and quickly cover structures, trees and native plants. Little else grows under tangles of vines that dominate.

Both exotic, shrub-like Honeysuckles and Oriental Bittersweet are perennial species. They will quickly overtake any area they are introduced to. The best plan is to remove the unwanted pests before that become large and require extreme measures to remove. ... and do not be fooled— they are not presents ! Learn more at our Yahoo Group at **[SWEET_invasives @yahoogroups.com](http://SWEET_invasives@yahoo.com)**