

WISCONSIN WILDCARDS

ALIEN INVADERS



AUTUMN OLIVE

Elaeagnus umbellata

BASIC ID

This large shrub can reach heights of 20', with oval-shaped 1" to 3" leaves. Leaves and twigs have coppery/silvery scales. It produces small pink to red fruits late in the season.

IMPACTS

Native to Asia, it has been planted along highways and to provide wildlife habitat. It can become abundant in disturbed areas, fields, prairies, woodlands, and forest edges and crowds out wildflowers, shrubs and tree seedlings.

MANAGEMENT

- Hand-pull young plants in early spring
- Cut stems and apply herbicide to stumps
- In large patches, spray foliage with brush herbicide

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/invasive

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