

FRUIT RESEMBLE BLUEBERRIES AND ATTRACT WILDLIFE WHO THEN ACT AS A DISPERSING AGENT

Origin: Native to South East Asia it was accidentally brought to Pennsylvania in 1930 as a seed contaminant. Since its arrival it has spread over 500 km along the North Eastern Coast of the U.S.

Status: Currently not in Canada. Found in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia.

Impacts: Able to grow half a foot a day it overtakes native vegetation by growing over top smothering them and blocking out the sunlight.

Where to Look: Direct sunlight is preferred along with damp soil. It is prevalent in open and disturbed areas; along roadsides, ditches, stream banks, wet meadows and clear cuts.



Look For:

OStems have recurved barbs

- OLeaves also have recurved barbs on underside. Light green in colour, triangular in shape, have saucershaped sheaths at base of each leaf
- OFlowers are white and incospicuous, grow on a spike

OFruit resemble blueberries

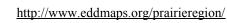




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