

Photinia villosa, Oriental Red-tip

Grows in the same habitat and formation as common buckthorn, forming large colonies. Looks a lot like serviceberry and chokeberry, leaving many land managers confused in terms of identification.

Population Status: Confirmed- Lower Hudson PRISM, South to MD except DE.

Description: This shrub has alternate oval-shaped leaves that widen at the tip and have fine toothing. The green fruit matures to red in the fall, from the months of September to December. It has no petiole, the leaves come directly off the stem. It can grow up to 20 feet tall and has smooth, gray bark.

Control: Hard to pull larger plants due to a tough root system but can be done. Work to get the whole root system.

Look-alikes: red chokeberry and serviceberry (native), the identifying characteristic is the petiole, which *Photinia* lacks.

Flower Time and Description: It blooms into white five-petaled flowers around May-June.

