

EMERGING INVASIVE ALERT:

Euonymus hamiltonianus

Hamilton's Spindletree (Celastraceae)

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IDENTIFICATION

shrub or small tree to 20 m



stems terete, lacking wings



leaves 6–13 cm, glabrous below, petioles 9–20 mm



capsules 4-lobed, rhombic



INVASIVENESS

Native to Asia, *Euonymus hamiltonianus* is a popular ornamental shrub for its showy fall foliage and fruits. Due to its recent establishment in several states in our region, and because of the serious invasiveness of other *Euonymus* spp. in the Northeast, *Euonymus hamiltonianus* should not be cultivated here.

HABITAT

Fencerows, forests edges, roadsides, other disturbed areas.

HOW TO HELP

Report occurrences to your local or state invasive species management agency.

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