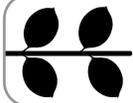


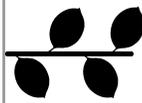
COMMON BUCKTHORN

Lookalikes



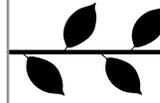
COMMON BUCKTHORN:

Squat oval leaves **opposite** or nearly opposite along branch. Green flowers.



GLOSSY BUCKTHORN:

Squat oval leaves that **alternate** along branch. Green flowers.



MOST NATIVE SHRUBS:

Longish oval leaves that **alternate** along branch. White flowers.

NAME

LEAVES

FLOWERS

FRUIT

Common Buckthorn

Rhamnus cathartica

INVASIVE

Leaves: Opposite or nearly opposite; egg-shaped with finely toothed edge; side veins distinctly curved

Flowers: Tiny, inconspicuous yellow-green clusters

Ripe fruit: Dark purplish-black



Blooms
June-July



Gray Dogwood

Cornus racemosa

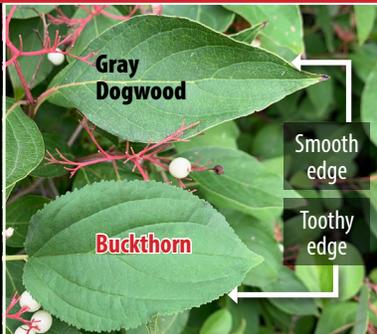
NATIVE

Leaves: Alternate, edge is smooth and often wavy

Flowers: Rounded white clusters

Ripe fruit: White

Note: Stems may be red



Blooms
June-July



Black Cherry

Prunus serotina

NATIVE

Leaves: Alternate; blunt-tooth edge; leaf length much longer than wide

Flowers: Long white clusters on stalk

Ripe fruit: Dark purplish-black

Note: Look for orange or yellow fuzz on back of leaf. Bark of Black Cherry is similar to buckthorn.



Bark is
similar to
buckthorn.

Blooms
May-June



Chokecherry

Prunus virginiana

NATIVE

Leaves: Alternate; finely toothed edge; side veins only slightly curved.

Flowers: Long white clusters on stalk

Ripe fruit: Dark reddish-black



Blooms
May-June



Black Chokeberry

Aronia melanocarpa

NATIVE

Leaves: Alternate, finely toothed edge; widest above middle of leaf

Flowers: Rounded white clusters with pink centers

Ripe fruit: Dark purplish-black



Blooms
May-July

