Autumn olive  
Elaeagnus umbellata

**HABITAT:**
- Spreads in disturbed areas such as roadsides, pastures, fields; thrives in poor soils
- Does not grow well in densely wooded areas

**ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS:**
- Creates dense shade which suppresses other native plants and will re-sprout vigorously after cutting or burning

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**TIMING:**
- Flowers in mid to late spring
- Fruits September through November

**MANAGEMENT:**
- Hand pull seedlings and sprouts in early spring when soil is moist for full removal of root system
- For larger plants, cutting alone may result in thicker growth. A glyphosate herbicide, such as Roundup, can be applied (follow label directions when applying any herbicide)

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**Plant at a Glance:**

1. **Leaf:** alternate, dark green, covered with silver-white scales
2. **Flower:** small, light yellow, appear along the stems after the leaves have sprouted early in growing season
3. **Fruit:** reddish pink, very fleshy

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**Native Alternative:**

Bayberry, *Myrica pensylvanica*

- Semi evergreen to deciduous shrub
- Blooms in early spring
- **Habitat:** woodlands, meadows
- **Benefits and Uses:** shrub border, hedge, screening, grows in difficult growing sites
- **Growing tips:** full sun or partial shade with dry, sandy, infertile soils or humus-rich, acidic soils

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