



Invasive Bittersweet

(**Celastrus orbiculatus**)

AKA Oriental Bittersweet. A woody invasive vine that can climb up to 40' high.

ID:

A fast growing vine - up to 10' per year! Well known for twining vines and colorful fruit - yellow capsules that form in fall and open to reveal showy red berries that last into winter. Leaves are usually round and glossy.



Impacts:

Smothers plants and ground cover. Girdles trees and adds to risk of branch/crown breakage. Promotes soil alkalinity and nitrification. Poisonous to domestic animals.



Control:

Warning: Pruning/pulling can invigorate growth. Familiarize yourself with effective control methods and safety before proceeding with management. Information and resources available at northcountryinvasives.com.

