WANTED

Burning Bush

INVASIVE ALIEN

Origin – Asia, Japan and China

Introduced for use as an ornamental plant for landscaping beginning about 1860.

Burning Bush is widely planted by landscape professionals and homeowners for its fall color, dark green leaves, winged stems and other characteristics.

This alien forms dense thickets in eastern North American forests, thickets that displace native woody and herbaceous plant species. Some eastern U.S. states are now banning the importation of burning bush.

Manual, mechanical and chemical means are available to control established plantings.

Burning bush may soon be getting a makeover to curb its voracious appetite for other plants' land, sunlight and soil nutrients. A University of Connecticut scientist and his research team have pinpointed the genetic combination to grow a seedless, non-invasive version of burning bush without sacrificing its stunning fall colors and durability. In short, they've neutered the incorrigible plant to make it behave.

DEAD OR ALIVE