

WANTED



Japanese
Barberry

**INVASIVE
ALIEN**

Origin—Japan

Japanese Barberry was introduced in 1875 as an ornamental, for hedgerows and for dyes.

Japanese Barberry is a deciduous shrub that grows 2 – 8 feet high and produces bright red berries in the fall.

Barberry forms dense stands in a variety of habitats, including closed canopy forests and open woodlands, wetlands, pastures, meadows and wastelands. Once established this highly shade tolerant shrub displaces native plants and reduces wildlife habitat and forage. White-tailed deer avoid browsing barberry, preferring to feed on native plants, giving barberry a competitive advantage. Japanese barberry has been found to raise soil pH (make it more basic) and reduce the depth of the litter layer in forests.

Small plants can be pulled by hand, using thick gloves to avoid injury from the spines. Older shrubs can be uprooted when the soil is moist. Shrubs can also be mowed or cut repeatedly. Systemic herbicides are also effective.

DEAD OR ~~ALIVE~~