

Buckthorn, Common  
*Rhamnus cathartica*  
Rhamnaceae

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- **Information:** Originated from Eurasia, introduced as an ornamental plant, tolerant of a wide range of conditions.
- **Life Cycle:** Perennial woody shrub.
- **Root:** Woody root.
- **Leaves:** Dark green, glossy, oval shaped, pointed tip, 3-4 veins, slightly jagged edges.
- **Stems:** Shrub or small tree, trunk up to 25cm in diameter, up to 7m tall, grey-brown, rough texture, twigs tipped with a spine.
- **Flower:** Yellow, yellow-green, 4 petals, male and female flowers on separate plants.
- **Seed/Fruits:** Small black fruit, 3-4 seeds.
- **Toxicity:**
- **Control:** Mechanical, basal bark treatment.