Rhamnus cathartica

Common buckthorn

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General

1. Deciduous shrub growing to 6m

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Eurasia and North Africa
2. Habitat
    - Fen peat, scrub, hedges, ash and oak woods, riparian woods, pastures
    - Often on calcareous, dry soil
    - Prefers lightly shaded conditions over dense shade
    - Tolerant of wide range of soil conditions

Invasion Pathways

1. Intentional introduction as an ornamental shrub, for fence rows, and wildlife habitat

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