

winged euonymus *Celastraceae* *Euonymus alatus* (Thunb.)

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Leaf: Opposite (or partly sub-opposite), simple, elliptical to obovate, 1 1/2 to 3 inches long, finely serrated margin, green above, slightly paler beneath, turns bright red in the fall.

Flower: Perfect, inconspicuous, pale, yellow-green, 1/2 inch across, occur in clusters of three, appear in late spring.

Fruit: A 1/4 to 1/3 inch capsule, dark red outside, splitting open to reveal a bright orange-red aril, ripen in early fall.

Twig: Moderate, greenish brown with several conspicuous corky wings on each stem; buds sharp pointed and reddish brown.

Bark: Gray to gray-brown, splitting revealing a lighter inner bark causing it to look faintly striped.

Form: A multi-stemmed shrub rising to 10 feet, rounded crown unless trimmed. It can also, depending on variety, become a small tree.

Looks like: [strawberry bush](#) - [eastern wahoo](#) - [spindletree](#) - [piratebush](#)



Native to east Asia, planted in zones 4-8, and known to naturalize.

Additional Range Information:
Euonymus alatus is planted in the [USDA hardiness zones](#) shown above and **may seed into the landscape**. [See states reporting winged euonymus.](#)

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