

F2157 (June 2024)

Joseph Zeleznik, Ph.D., Extension Forester

North Dakota Tree Selector

General

Scientific Name: *Euonymus bungeanus*

Family: Celastraceae (Bittersweet)

Hardiness: Zone 4

Leaves: Deciduous

Plant Type: Shrub

Growth

Rate: Medium

Mature Height: >7'

Longevity: Short

Power Line: Yes

Ornamental

Flowers: Yellow

Fruit: Red to pink

Fall Color: Red

Winterberry Euonymus

Description

A small tree or large rounded shrub with semi-pendulous branches. Native to Manchuria and northern China. Showy pink fruits, opening to expose reddish seeds. Attractive gray bark. The largest shrubs in North Dakota are 13 feet tall with a canopy spread of 12 feet.

Preferences

Light: Full sun to part shade.

Water: Medium.

Soil: Adapted to a wide variety of soils.

Comments

Fruits are toxic if eaten. Current named cultivars are borderline in hardiness in North Dakota except for Prairie Radiance®, an NDSU Release.



Credits: Tree Selector Website, <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/trees/handbook/th-3-23.pdf>