

# Winged Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*) Identification



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**Overall:** shrub or small tree, usually multi-stemmed and wider than tall

**Leaves:** opposite or close to opposite, football-shaped with finely serrated edges, turn bright red in fall

**Twigs:** reddish or tan wings stick out from the sides of the twig

**Bark:** gray/brown, with lighter vertical lines that can make bark look striped

**Flowers:** small with four rounded petals, greenish/yellow, in clusters, bloom May-June

**Fruit:** green capsules later turn red and split open to expose bright red berry-like fruit

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