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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