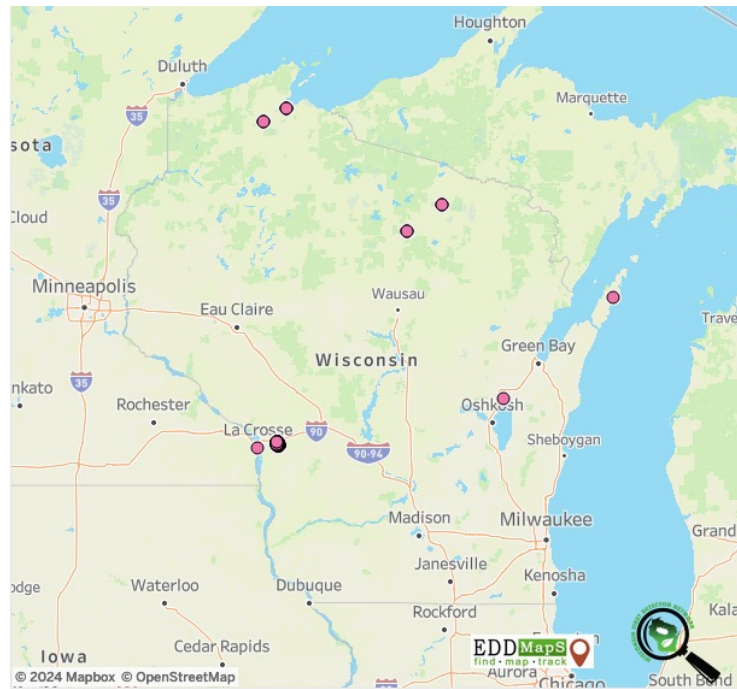




Russian-olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)

- Small to medium-sized tree with silvery leaves
- Habitats it invades:
 - Grasslands
 - Roadsides (often in urban areas)
- Status
 - Wisconsin: Restricted
 - Regulated in: IL, OH





Russian-olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)

Leaves alternate, simple

- 1-4" long, covered in silvery hairs on both sides
- Small thorns on some branches





Russian-olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)

Flower/fruit

- Flowers yellow, tubular, with 4 petals.
- Flowers are borne singly, or in small clusters, in the leaf axils; June
- Fruit is small, gray, and berry-like



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Autumn- & Russian-olive look alike

Autumn-olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*) and Russian-olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*) are characterized by the metallic sheen on their leaves and stems. They are most easily confused with buffaloberries (*Shepherdia* spp.), especially silver buffaloberry (*Shepherdia argentea*), which is not native to Wisconsin.



buffaloberry leaves

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Russian-olive leaves

Species	Branching	Leaves
Russian-olive (<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>)	Alternate	Both upper and lower surface of leaves covered in silvery scales . Upper may be less densely covered.
Autumn-olive (<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>)	Alternate	Lower surface of leaves covered in silvery scales . Upper surface dark glossy green; sometimes with sparse scattering of silvery scales.
Buffaloberry / Soapberry (<i>Shepherdia</i> spp.) N/N-N	Opposite	<i>S. argentea</i> with silvery scales on both sides of leaves. <i>S. canadensis</i> dark green on upper surface with rusty scales on lower surface.