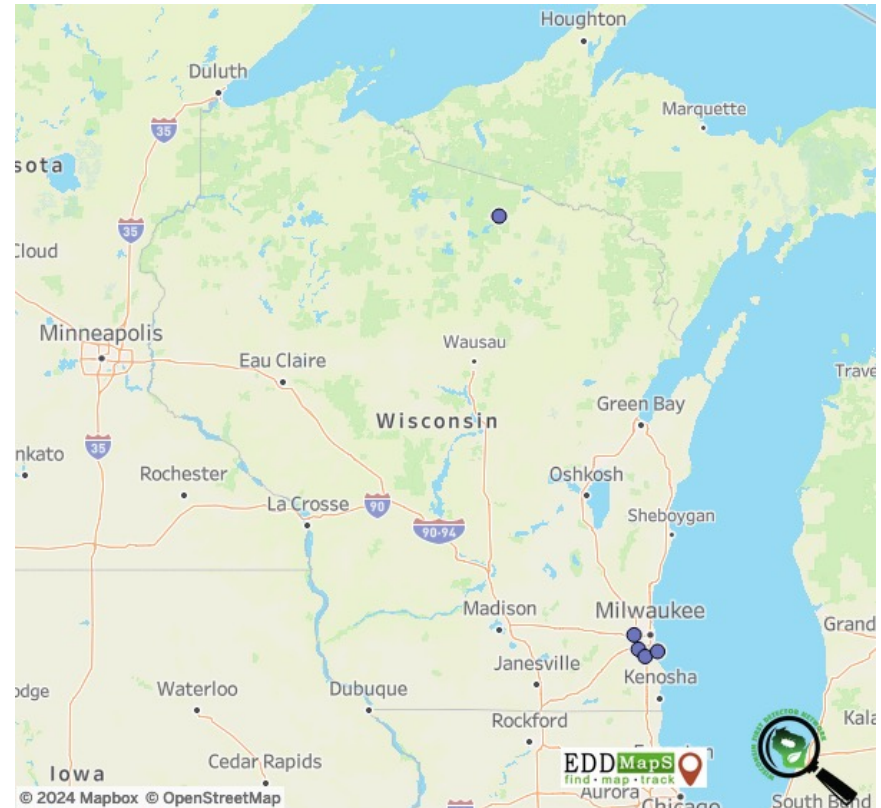


Winter creeper (*Euonymus fortunei*)



- Evergreen, woody vine, climbing via aerial roots
- Habitats it invades:
 - Forests, especially in urban areas
- Status
 - Wisconsin: Not Regulated
 - Regulated in: IN





Winter creeper (*Euonymus fortunei*)

Leaves opposite, simple

- 1-2.5" long, oval, glossy, with whitish veins
- Leaf margins are wavy and have small teeth
- Leaves are evergreen and stems creep along the ground and climb trees



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Winter creeper (*Euonymus fortunei*)

Flower/fruit

- Flowers greenish white with 4 petals
- Flowers are borne in branched clusters on climbing stems; June
- Fruit is a capsule that opens to expose red seeds.



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Winter creeper look alike



Winter creeper (*Eunymus fortunei*) resembles other species of *Eunymus* in the state. It differs in having evergreen leaves and being a creeping or climbing plant; the other species are deciduous and are medium to large shrubs.

Partridgeberry (*Mitchella repens*) is a **native** evergreen creeper of northern forests. It resembles winter creeper but differs in its rounder leaves, stems that never climb, and tubular flowers.



Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*) is an invasive evergreen creeper usually associated with forests near old homes. It resembles winter creeper but differs in possessing milky sap, stems that never climb, and tubular, bluish flowers with five petals

