

Lonicera japonica

**NON-NATIVE
INVASIVE**



Japanese honeysuckle

Family Caprifoliaceae

Origin Non-native

WIS Code FAC CoC -5

DESCRIPTION

Woody perennial semi-evergreen vine (5 m or more long) with trailing or climbing habit. Stems are green to reddish, becoming tan to brown, rope-like with peeling bark. The dark green leaves (2.5 to 8 cm long) are simple, opposite, smooth or hairy and oval. They generally lack toothed margins, but younger leaves may be lobed or toothed.



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FLOWERS AND FRUITS

May to June, August to September. Paired flowers arise from the leaf axils (where leaf meets stem) at the ends of the branches. The fragrant tubular flowers (3 to 5 cm) are white or sometimes pale pink aging to a yellow-gold. The fruits are small (4 to 6 mm) shiny round berries, turning from green to black as they ripen.



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HABITAT

Widespread from wet to dry forests, floodplains, stream banks, old fields and fencerows.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Euonymus fortunei, winter creeper, differs in the dark green stems, numerous aerial roots along the stems, branched clusters of small four-petaled flowers, red berries and toothed leaf margins.



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Euonymus fortunei, berries and leaves