

# Diervilla lonicera

Northern Bush Honeysuckle

Native to Maine

Upland  
Forests and Fields













## Leaves



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Look for dark green leaves that grow opposite on the stem. Bush honeysuckle leaves are oval, 5 to 13 cm long, pointed, and have finely-toothed edges.

LEAF ARRANGEMENT	LEAF TYPE	LEAF/LEAFLET SHAPE	LEAF/LEAFLET EDGE
 ALTERNATE	 SIMPLE	 PALMATE	 SMOOTH
 OPPOSITE	 COMPOUND-PALMATE	 OVAL	 TOOTHED
 WHORLED	 COMPOUND-PINNATE	 BLADE	 WAVY

## Plant



garentrek, flickr



Look for a small, mound-shaped, deciduous (loses its leaves in the fall) shrub that grows up to 1 m tall.

## Stem



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Look for gray to light reddish-brown bark. Bush honeysuckle stems are round and can stand straight upright or arch.

## Seasonal Change



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PERMITTED USE

In June and July look for small, bell-shaped flowers that are yellow-green and change to orange or purplish-red. Bush honeysuckle leaves turn yellow and red in the fall.

## Similar Species

Bush honeysuckle is often confused with invasive Japanese honeysuckle. The flowers of these two plants are very similar but Bush honeysuckle grows as a short shrub and stems are solid whereas Japanese honeysuckle grows as a vine with a hollow stem.

## Fun Fact

Bush honeysuckle flowers are a favorite of hummingbirds and butterflies. Flowers produce significant numbers of berries that are a favorite food of mice and birds. When broken, stems are fragrant.

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