

GYRO-TRAC NEWS



Chinese privet

A PLANTS Symbol: [LISI](#)

USDA ARS GRIN: [22095](#)

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Ligustrum sinense Lour.

Taxonomic Rank: Magnoliopsida: Scrophulariales: Oleaceae

Synonym(s): common chinese privet, common privet

Chinese privet is a semi-evergreen shrub or small tree that grows to 20 ft. (6.1 m) in height. Trunks usually occur as multiple stems with many long, leafy branches. Leaves are opposite, oval, pubescent on the underside of the midvein and less than 2 in. (5 cm) long. Flowering occurs in late spring, when small, white flowers develop at the end of branches in 2-3 in. (5-7.6 cm) long clusters. Fruit are oval, fleshy, less than 0.5 in. (1.3 cm) long, ripen to a dark purple to black color and persist into winter. Several privet species occur and they are often hard to distinguish. Chinese privet commonly forms dense thickets in fields or in the understory of forests. It shades and out-competes many species and, once established, is very difficult to remove. Chinese privet was introduced into the United States in the early 1852 as an ornamental.



Photographer: [Scott Horn](#), USDA Forest Service, United States

Descriptor: Control

Description: Privet removal with gyro-trac

Image taken: United States

Identification, Biology, Control and Management Resources

- [Nonnative Invasive Plants of Southern Forests](#) - USDA Forest Service
- [Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas](#) - National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- [Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council Invasive Plant Manual](#) - SE-EPPC
- [Element Stewardship Abstract](#) - The Nature Conservancy
- [Fire Effects Information System](#) - USDA Forest Service
- [Invasive Plant Atlas of New England](#) - University of Connecticut