

Eastern Wahoo

Euonymus atropurpureus Jacq.



The wahoo is a medium to large shrub or even small tree, native to eastern North America. It prefers to grow in riparian areas and stream valleys. It has an open growth habit. The fruit in the fall is striking. Four-lobed pink capsules spread open to reveal four red berry-like fruits.

Keep this plant as far away from horticultural *Euonymus* species as possible (such as *E. fortunei* or *E. alata*), because of the *Euonymus* scale, a severe pest. This species is hardy through zone 5. It is shade-tolerant.

Cultivation

The wahoo is easy to grow. It will thrive in most normal soils, but should be watered during times of severe drought. It will grow well in moderate shade to full sun. As with most plants, it will be fuller and thicker grown in the sun.

Seed propagation is easy, requiring only normal moist stratification. This can easily be accomplished by planting the seed in fall or early winter, preferably under two or more inches of humus.

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