

## BLUNT LEAVED PRIVET

*Ligustrum obtusifolium*



Mature Height	Up to 15 feet	Soil Type	Prefers Moist Soils
Mature Spread	12 to 15 feet	Flower Color	White
Mature Form	Shrub—Small tree	Foliage Color	Green
Growth Rate	Rapid	Fall Color	Green till leaf drop
Sun Exposure	Shade tolerant		
Soil Moisture	Tolerates Dry		

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Blunt Leaved Privet (Native to Japan) is the only privet on the Indiana Invasive Species List but Common Privet (from Europe) and several others species have also have escaped into natural areas and are crowding and shading out native plants. Blunt Leaved Privet grows rapidly from seed that is consumed by birds and scattered in other locations. It also spreads from cut stumps and root fragments moved to other locations. Privets are most commonly found invading floodplain and upland woodlands where they severely impact regeneration of native trees. Manual, mechanical and chemical are all effective control measures. Pulling young plants as soon as they can be grasped is effective. Repeated mowing can be used in sensitive areas where herbicides cannot be used. Cut stem treatment with a systemic herbicide is very effective as is basal spray.



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