



## Knox County Invasive Shrub Replacement Program



Do you have invasive shrubs like Japanese Barberry and Amur Honeysuckle? With the new Knox County Invasive Shrub Replacement Program, you can receive **free** native shrubs for removing invasive ones!

The Knox County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) is happy to announce a county wide invasive shrub replacement program in 2021 for homeowners, businesses, churches, schools, and other organizations. Remove invasive shrubs on your property and receive up to 3 native bareroot shrubs to replace them! Replacement shrubs to choose from include Ninebark, Silky Dogwood, and American Plum. Submit before and after pictures of the removal as well as number and species of invasive shrubs removed to Will Drews at [willem.drews@in.nacdnet.net](mailto:willem.drews@in.nacdnet.net) before the April 16<sup>th</sup> deadline to be eligible. Native shrubs will be available for pick up on specified dates in April at the Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District Office on a first come, first served basis.

Invasive shrubs like Amur Honeysuckle are widespread throughout Knox County. They invade wooded areas and outcompete native plants and trees. Some generalist birds aid in invasive shrub dispersal by feeding on their bright berries, spreading these shrubs far and wide from where they were planted. These shrubs have minimal wildlife value compared to the native tree and shrub species that they replace.

For more information on the Knox County Invasive Shrub Program including the program guide, visit the Knox County CISMA website (<http://knoxcountyswcd.com/kccisma/>).

If you would like help identifying invasive shrubs, contact Will Drews, the Knox County SWCD Natural Resource Specialist, at [willem.drews@in.nacdnet.net](mailto:willem.drews@in.nacdnet.net) or by calling 812-882-8210 x 3408.