

## CENTRAL JERSEY INVASIVE SPECIES STRIKE TEAM

### *Invasive Plant Fact Sheet*

#### Oriental Photinia (*Photinia villosa*)



**Family name:** Rose family (Rosaceae)

**Native range:** Asia

**General:** Deciduous colonial shrub or small tree to 10 feet tall.

**Leaves:** Alternate, oval-shaped, widening at the tip, finely toothed. Smooth above, long-haired beneath. Leaf is often stemless.

**Flowers:** 1 to 2 inch wide clusters of white, 5 petalled flowers appearing in late May through June.

**Fruit:** Clusters of 0.5 inch fleshy, red globes with 1-4 seeds. Ripening in October and persisting into winter.

**Look-alikes:** Red chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*) is a smaller, native shrub that does not reach the stature of Oriental photinia. Chokeberry foliage turns red in fall, while Oriental photinia turns tannish-yellow.

**Habitat:** Forests, forest edges, floodplains, gardens, landscaping.

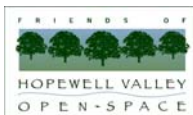
**Threats to native habitats:** Oriental photinia is fast growing and a prolific producer of seed even under the shade of a mature forest. It can easily form large thickets that displace native plants and prevent the growth of native trees and shrubs.

**NJ Status:** Oriental photinia is uncommon but spreading rapidly. It is *highly threatening* to natural plant communities. All detected occurrences should be eradicated.

**Commercial Availability:** Not found.



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