

CENTRAL JERSEY INVASIVE SPECIES STRIKE TEAM

Invasive Plant Fact Sheet

Jetbead (*Rhodotypos scandens*)



Family name: Rose family (*Rosaceae*)

Native range: Japan

General: Deciduous shrub with a clumping, multi-stemmed form. Grows to a height of 5 feet and width of 7 feet.

Leaves: Opposite, bright green, doubly toothed, with a rough appearance. About 2 to 4 inches long and 1 to 2 inches wide.

Flowers: Terminal clusters of white, four-petaled flowers with 4 large toothed sepals, appearing in April through May.

Fruit: Cluster of four black, single-seeded fruits. Immature fruits are dark, reddish orange. Appearing mid-summer and ripening September through December.

Look-alikes: None.

Habitat: Meadows, roadsides, forest, forest edges. Jetbead prefers full sun moist, well-drained soils, but can grow in full shade. Tolerates a wide range of soils and conditions including salt and pollution.

Threats to native habitats: Jetbead can form thickets that displace native plants and prevent growth of native trees, shrubs, and herbs. It can invade forests and shade out native vegetation.



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

Commercial Availability: Not found.

Sources: http://na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants/weeds/black-jetbead.pdf

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