Scientific name: Euonymus europaeus L. USDA Plants Code: EUEU7 Common names: European spindletree Native distribution: Eurasia April 28, 2009 Date assessed: Steve Glenn, Gerry Moore Assessors: Reviewers: LIISMA SRC May 13, 2009 Form version date: 3 March 2009 Date Approved:

**New York Invasiveness Rank:** Moderate (Relative Maximum Score 50.00-69.99)

<b>Distribution and Invasiveness Rank</b> (Obtain from PRISM invasiveness ranking form)				
			PRISM	
	Status of this species in each PRISM:	Current Distribution	Invasiveness Rank	
1	Adirondack Park Invasive Program	Not Assessed	Not Assessed	
2	Capital/Mohawk	Not Assessed	Not Assessed	
3	Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership	Not Assessed	Not Assessed	
4	Finger Lakes	Not Assessed	Not Assessed	
5	Long Island Invasive Species Management Area	Widespread	Moderate	
6	Lower Hudson	Not Assessed	Not Assessed	
7	Saint Lawrence/Eastern Lake Ontario	Not Assessed	Not Assessed	
8	Western New York	Not Assessed	Not Assessed	

	asiveness Ranking Summary	Total (Total Answered*)	Total
(see details under appropriate sub-section)		Possible	
1	Ecological impact	40 ( <u>20</u> )	6
2	Biological characteristic and dispersal ability	25 ( <u>25</u> )	18
3	Ecological amplitude and distribution	25 ( <u>25</u> )	21
4	Difficulty of control	10 ( <u>10</u> )	3
	Outcome score	$100 \left( 80 \right)^{b}$	48 <sup>a</sup>
	Relative maximum score †		60.00
	New York Invasiveness Rank §	Moderate (Relative Maximum Score 50.00-69.99)	

<sup>\*</sup> For questions answered "unknown" do not include point value in "Total Answered Points Possible." If "Total Answered Points Possible" is less than 70.00 points, then the overall invasive rank should be listed as "Unknown." †Calculated as 100(a/b) to two decimal places.

\$Very High >80.00; High 70.00-80.00; Moderate 50.00-69.99; Low 40.00-49.99; Insignificant <40.00

### A. DISTRIBUTION (KNOWN/POTENTIAL): Summarized from individual PRISM forms

	s this species been documented to persist without n in NY? (reliable source; voucher not required)	Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management
$\boxtimes$	Yes – continue to A1.2	2008
	No – continue to A2.1	SLELO
A1.2. In v	which PRISMs is it known (see inset map)?	
	Adirondack Park Invasive Program	Capital
$\boxtimes$	Capital/Mohawk	Finger Lakes Mohawk
$\boxtimes$	Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership	Western NY CRISP
	Finger Lakes	CRIST
$\boxtimes$	Long Island Invasive Species Management Area	Lower
$\boxtimes$	Lower Hudson	Hudson
	Saint Lawrence/Eastern Lake Ontario	Liisma
$\boxtimes$	Western New York	Mary Mary Comment of the Comment of

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	Sources of information:  Brooklyn Rotonic Gordon, 2000; Woldy & Worier, 2000				
		Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009; Weldy & Werier, 2009. A2.1. What is the likelihood that this species will occur and persist outside of cultivation, given the climate			
			rom PRISM invasiveness ranking f		
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	Assessed	Capital/Mohawk	iivasive i rogram		
	Assessed		Invasive Species Partnership		
	Assessed	Finger Lakes	mivasive opecies i arthership		
	Likely	_	ve Species Management Area		
•	Assessed	Lower Hudson	ive species management Area		
	Assessed		astern Lake Ontario		
	Assessed	Western New Yorl			
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			ution models, literature, expert opin	nions):	
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ij th	ie species ao		•	of the PRISMs, then stop here	
		as there	e is no need to assess the spec	cies.	
	A22 What is	the current distribution	n of the species in each PRISM? (o	btain rank from PRISM invasiveness	
	ranking forms		n of the species in each i Risivi: (o	otani rank from Prism invasiveness	
	ranang jermis	,		Distribution	
	Adirondack l	Park Invasive Progra	am	Not Assessed	
	Capital/Moh	_	4111	Not Assessed	
	•	ional Invasive Speci	es Partnershin	Not Assessed	
	Finger Lakes	_	es i artifership	Not Assessed	
	-	Invasive Species Ma	anagamant Araa	Widespread	
	Lower Hudso		anagement Area	Not Assessed	
		on nce/Eastern Lake On	torio	Not Assessed Not Assessed	
	Western Nev		itario	Not Assessed Not Assessed	
				Not Assessed	
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	Sources of info				
	Brooklyn Bota	anic Garden, 2009.			
	A23 Describ	e the notential or know	vn suitable habitats within New Yo	rk Natural habitate include all	
		-	ıman management. Managed habita		
	Aquatic Habit		Wetland Habitats	Upland Habitats	
		ackish waters	Salt/brackish marshes	Cultivated*	
		ater tidal	Freshwater marshes	Grasslands/old fields	
		'streams	Peatlands	Shrublands	
	☐ Natura	l lakes and ponds			
	☐ Vernal		Forested wetlands/riparian	☐ Alpine	
	Reserv	oirs/impoundments*	Ditches*		
			Beaches and/or coastal dun	es	
			abitats within New York:		
			s; mesic edge of marsh, fencerows,	waste ground.	
	Documentat				
	Sources of info				
				Loster, 1992; Higler, 1993; van der	
				Ilmann & Schneider, 1999; Garbary	
	& De	veau, 2007; Brooklyn	Botanic Garden, 2009.		

#### **B. INVASIVENESS RANKING**

Questions apply to areas similar in climate and habitats to New York unless specified otherwise.

#### 1. ECOLOGICAL IMPACT

1.1. Im	pact on Natural Ecosystem Processes and System-Wide Parameters (e.g. fire	
_	, geomorphological changes (erosion, sedimentation rates), hydrologic regime,	
nutrien	t and mineral dynamics, light availability, salinity, pH)	
A.	No perceivable impact on ecosystem processes based on research studies, or the absence of	0
	impact information if a species is widespread (>10 occurrences in minimally managed areas), has been well-studied (>10 reports/publications), and has been present in the	
	northeast for >100 years.	
В.	Influences ecosystem processes to a minor degree (e.g., has a perceivable but mild influence	3
ъ.	on soil nutrient availability)	3
C.	Significant alteration of ecosystem processes (e.g., increases sedimentation rates along	7
_	streams or coastlines, reduces open water that are important to waterfowl)	10
D.	Major, possibly irreversible, alteration or disruption of ecosystem processes (e.g., the species alters geomorphology and/or hydrology, affects fire frequency, alters soil pH, or	10
	fixes substantial levels of nitrogen in the soil making soil unlikely to support certain native	
	plants or more likely to favor non-native species)	
U.	Unknown	
	Score	U
	Documentation:	
	Identify ecosystem processes impacted (or if applicable, justify choosing answer A in the	
	absence of impact information)	
	No studies on the impact on natural ecosystem processes located.	
	Sources of information: Authors' pers. comm.	
1.2 Im	pact on Natural Community Structure	
A.	No perceived impact; establishes in an existing layer without influencing its structure	0
В.	Influences structure in one layer (e.g., changes the density of one layer)	3
Б. С.	Significant impact in at least one layer (e.g., creation of a new layer or elimination of an	7
C.	existing layer)	/
D.	Major alteration of structure (e.g., covers canopy, eradicating most or all layers below)	10
U.	Unknown	
	Score	3
	Documentation:	
	Identify type of impact or alteration:	
	Increases the density in the shrub layer. No evidence for significant or major alteration of	
	structure.	
	Sources of information:	
1 2 T	Authors' pers. obs.	
	pact on Natural Community Composition	0
A.	No perceived impact; causes no apparent change in native populations	0
В.	Influences community composition (e.g., reduces the number of individuals in one or more native species in the community)	3
C.	Significantly alters community composition (e.g., produces a significant reduction in the	7
С.	population size of one or more native species in the community)	,
D.	Causes major alteration in community composition (e.g., results in the extirpation of one or	10

several native species, reducing biodiversity or change the community composition towards species exotic to the natural community) Unknown U. Score 3 Documentation: Identify type of impact or alteration: Reduces the number of individuals of native species in the community. No evidence for siginifcant or major alteration in native community composition. Sources of information: Authors' pers. obs. 1.4. Impact on other species or species groups (cumulative impact of this species on the animals, fungi, microbes, and other organisms in the community it invades. Examples include reduction in nesting/foraging sites; reduction in habitat connectivity; injurious components such as spines, thorns, burrs, toxins; suppresses soil/sediment microflora; interferes with native pollinators and/or pollination of a native species; hybridizes with a native species; hosts a non-native disease which impacts a native species) Negligible perceived impact A. 0 Minor impact 3 B. Moderate impact 7 C. Severe impact on other species or species groups D. 10 U. Unknown Score IJ Documentation: Identify type of impact or alteration: No studies on the impact on other species located. Sources of information: Authors' pers. comm. **Total Possible** 20 Section One Total 6 2. BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND DISPERSAL ABILITY 2.1. Mode and rate of reproduction (provisional thresholds, more investigation needed) No reproduction by seeds or vegetative propagules (i.e. plant sterile with no sexual or A. 0 asexual reproduction). Limited reproduction (fewer than 10 viable seeds per plant AND no vegetative B. 1 reproduction; if viability is not known, then maximum seed production is less than 100 seeds per plant and no vegetative reproduction) Moderate reproduction (fewer than 100 viable seeds per plant - if viability is not known, 2 then maximum seed production is less than 1000 seeds per plant - OR limited successful vegetative spread documented) Abundant reproduction with vegetative asexual spread documented as one of the plants D. 4 prime reproductive means OR more than 100 viable seeds per plant (if viability is not known, then maximum seed production reported to be greater than 1000 seeds per plant.) U. Unknown Score 2 Documentation: Describe key reproductive characteristics (including seeds per plant): Capable of large flower production, but perhaps low viable seed production. One observation of a naturalized population in North America found over 95% of the plants had well

developed buds and flowers (Garbary & Deveau, 2007). Likewise, one European study found

100% of the flowers had ovaries, but the later study found only about 30% developed mature fruit (Lloyd et al., 1980). Another European study also found a low seed set of less than 10% (Webb, C. J. 1979). Personal observations indicate limited fruit set with less than 1000 seeds, especially in shadier habitats. Reported to be able to spread clonaly to some extent via layered branches or root suckering (Koop, 1987; Siebel et al., 1998). Sources of information: Lloyd et al., 1980; Koop, 1987; Webb, 1979; Siebel et al., 1998; Garbary & Deveau, 2007; authors' pers. obs. 2.2. Innate potential for long-distance dispersal (e.g. bird dispersal, sticks to animal hair, buoyant fruits, pappus for wind-dispersal) Does not occur (no long-distance dispersal mechanisms) 0 A. Infrequent or inefficient long-distance dispersal (occurs occasionally despite lack of B. 1 adaptations) Moderate opportunities for long-distance dispersal (adaptations exist for long-distance C. 2 dispersal, but studies report that 95% of seeds land within 100 meters of the parent plant) Numerous opportunities for long-distance dispersal (adaptations exist for long-distance 4 dispersal and evidence that many seeds disperse greater than 100 meters from the parent plant) Unknown U. Score 4 Documentation: Identify dispersal mechanisms: Endozoochory: birds eat fruits and disperese seeds; possibly by regurgitation due to the seeds possible poisonous properties, instead of passage through the gut. Large fleshy aril is what attracks birds to the plant. Hydrochory: Ridley (1930) reports dry fruit floats for two months, the seed for 2.5 days. Sources of information: Ridley, 1930; Blakelock, 1951; Sorensen, 1981; Lee et al., 1991; Fuentes, 1994; Dzwonko & Loster, 1992; Dzwonko, 2001. 2.3. Potential to be spread by human activities (both directly and indirectly – possible mechanisms include: commercial sales, use as forage/revegetation, spread along highways, transport on boats, contaminated compost, land and vegetation management equipment such as mowers and excavators, etc.) A. Does not occur 0 Low (human dispersal to new areas occurs almost exclusively by direct means and is В. 1 infrequent or inefficient) Moderate (human dispersal to new areas occurs by direct and indirect means to a moderate 2 High (opportunities for human dispersal to new areas by direct and indirect means are 3 D. numerous, frequent, and successful) Unknown U. Score Documentation: Identify dispersal mechanisms: Used as an ornamental; wood also utilized for miscellaneous objects; and for extraction of gutta-percha (e.g., center of golf balls). Not widely planted though. Sources of information: Blakelock, 1951. 2.4. Characteristics that increase competitive advantage, such as shade tolerance,

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ability to grow on infertile soils, perennial habit, fast growth, nitrogen fixation, allelopathy, etc. A. Possesses no characteristics that increase competitive advantage 0 B. Possesses one characteristic that increases competitive advantage 3 Possesses two or more characteristics that increase competitive advantage C. 6 U. Unknown Score 6 Documentation: Evidence of competitive ability: Perennial habit, shade tolerant, able to grow on poor soils. Reportedly tolerant of dry to wet soils (Lee et al., 1991). Plants and seedlings reportedly have high shade tolerance (Dzwonko & Loster, 1992; Grubb et al., 1996; Siebel et al., 1998). Adaptable to fairly wide range of soil pH (Way & Cammell, 1982): soil pH as low as 4.4 to 4.5 (Brunet et al., 1997; Dzwonko, Z. 2001) and calcaerous soils (Simpson, 1938; Webb, 1947; Kelly, 1981; Lee et al., 1991; Dzwonko & Loster, 1992; Doing, 1995; Grubb et al., 1996). One study suggests European spindletree is capable of "appreciable nitrate assimilation" (Al Gharbi & Hipkin, 1984). Reportedly has strong resilence to herbivory in its native range (van der Meijden et al., 1988). Sources of information: Simpson, 1938; Webb, 1947; Kelly, 1981; Way & Cammell, 1982; Al Gharbi & Hipkin, 1984; van der Meijden et al, 1988; Lee et al., 1991; Dzwonko & Loster, 1992; Doing, 1995; Grubb et al., 1996; Brunet et al., 1997; Siebel et al., 1998; Ma, 2001. 2.5. Growth vigor Does not form thickets or have a climbing or smothering growth habit 0 A. Has climbing or smothering growth habit, forms a dense layer above shorter vegetation, 2 В. forms dense thickets, or forms a dense floating mat in aquatic systems where it smothers other vegetation or organisms Unknown U. Score 0 Documentation: Describe growth form: No climbing or smothering habit or thickets observed. Sources of information: Authors' personal observations 2.6. Germination/Regeneration Requires open soil or water and disturbance for seed germination, or regeneration from Α. 0 vegetative propagules. Can germinate/regenerate in vegetated areas but in a narrow range or in special conditions 2 B. Can germinate/regenerate in existing vegetation in a wide range of conditions 3 C. Unknown (No studies have been completed) U. 2 Score Documentation: Describe germination requirements: Field germination experiments of untreated seeds found a germination rate of 67% Seedlings not commonly observed in the field in existing populations. Sources of information: Kollmann, 1996; Takos & Efthimiou, 2003. 2.7. Other species in the genus invasive in New York or elsewhere A. No 0 Yes 3 В. Unknown U.

	Score	3
	Documentation:	
	Species: Euonymus alatus, E. fortunei. Heffernan, rev.Gravuer, 2008; U.S.D.A., 2009; Weldy & Werier, 2009	
	Total Possible	23
	Section Two Total	18
3.1. De (use san covered Minnes bounda Missou	COLOGICAL AMPLITUDE AND DISTRIBUTION Insity of stands in natural areas in the northeastern USA and eastern Canada me definition as Gleason & Cronquist which is: "The part of the United States dextends from the Atlantic Ocean west to the western boundaries of sota, Iowa, northern Missouri, and southern Illinois, south to the southern tries of Virginia, Kentucky, and Illinois, and south to the Missouri River in Inc. In Canada the area covered includes Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island,	
New Branch	runswick, and parts of Quebec and Ontario lying south of the 47th parallel of	
A.	No large stands (no areas greater than 1/4 acre or 1000 square meters)	0
В.	Large dense stands present in areas with numerous invasive species already present or	2
C.	disturbed landscapes Large dense stands present in areas with few other invasive species present (i.e. ability to invade relatively pristine natural areas)	4
U.	Unknown Score	0
	Documentation: Identify reason for selection, or evidence of weedy history: No large stands observed or reported in literature. Sources of information: Authors' pers. obs.	
3.2. Nu	imber of habitats the species may invade	
A.	Not known to invade any natural habitats given at A2.3	0
В.	Known to occur in two or more of the habitats given at A2.3, with at least one a natural habitat.	1
C.	Known to occur in three or more of the habitats given at A2.3, with at least two a natural habitat.	2
D.	Known to occur in four or more of the habitats given at A2.3, with at least three a natural habitat.	4
E.	Known to occur in more than four of the habitats given at A2.3, with at least four a natural	6
U.	habitat. Unknown	
	Score	6
2.2 D	Documentation: Identify type of habitats where it occurs and degree/type of impacts: See A2.3. Sources of information: Kelly, 1981; van der Meijden et al., 1988; Lee et al., 1991; Dzwonko & Loster, 1992; Higler, 1993; van der Laan et al., 1997; Siebel et al., 1998; de Bonte et al., 1999; Kollmann & Schneider, 1999; Garbary & Deveau, 2007; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009.	
J.J. KO	le of disturbance in establishment	

A.			0	
B.	May occasionally establish in undisturbed areas but can readily establish in areas with natural or anthropogenic disturbances.		2	
C.	Can establish independent of any known natural or anthropogenic disturbances.		4	
U.		Score	4	
	Documentation:			
	Identify type of disturbance: Plants and seedlings reportedly have high shade tolerance (Dzwonko & Loster, 1992; Grubb et al., 1996; Siebel et al., 1998). Also reportely a component of dense woodland its native Europe (Dzwonko & Loster, 1992). These traits may infer ability to colonize pristine woods. Plant has been observed in dense woodlands lacking any recent disturb	•		
	Sources of information:	unce.		
2 1 C	Dzwonko & Loster, 1992; Grubb et al., 1996; Siebel et al., 1998; authors' pers. obs.			
3.4. C. A.	limate in native range  Native range does not include climates similar to New York		0	
В.			1	
C.			3	
U.	Unknown			
		Score	3	
	Documentation:			
	Describe what part of the native range is similar in climate to New York: Europe, as far north as Norway and Sweden.			
	Sources of information:			
	Blakelock, 1951; Brunet et al., 1997; Ma, 2001.			
3.5. Current introduced distribution in the northeastern USA and eastern Canada (see				
-	on 3.1 for definition of geographic scope )		0	
A.		0	0	
В. С.	-	<b>5.</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$	
C.	provinces.		2	
D.	Present as a non-native in 4–8 northeastern USA states and/or eastern Canadian proving and/or categorized as a problem weed (e.g., "Noxious" or "Invasive") in 1 northeastern or eastern Canadian province.		3	
E.	Present as a non-native in >8 northeastern USA states and/or eastern Canadian province and/or categorized as a problem weed (e.g., "Noxious" or "Invasive") in 2 northeastern		4	
Īī	states or eastern Canadian provinces.			
U.		Score	4	
	Documentation:	Score	4	
	Identify states and provinces invaded: CT, IL, KY, MA, ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VA, VT, WI; New Brunswick,			
	Ontario, Quebec. Sources of information: See known introduced range in plants.usda.gov, and update winformation from states and Canadian provinces. U.S.D.A., 2009.	ith		
	urrent introduced distribution of the species in natural areas in the eight Ne	W		
A.	State PRISMs (Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management) Present in none of the PRISMs		0	

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B. Present in 1 PRISM

E E	E. Present in more than 3 PRISMs or on the Federal noxious weed lists		2 3 4	
Ţ	J. Unknown	Score	4	
	Documentation: Describe distribution: See A1.1. Sources of information: Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009; Weldy & Werier, 2009.			
	Total Pos Section Three		25 21	
4.	DIFFICULTY OF CONTROL			
	Seed banks		0	
Α	A. Seeds (or vegetative propagules) remain viable in soil for less than 1 year, or does not not viable seeds or persistent propagules.	лаке	0	
	3. Seeds (or vegetative propagules) remain viable in soil for at least 1 to 10 years		2	
(			3	
ι	•	Score	2	
	Documentation: Identify longevity of seed bank: One European study found germination of spindletree seeds manly occurred in the secon spring following fruit maturation, suggesting a seed banking capacity of at least one year (Lee et al., 1991).			
	Sources of information:			
4.2. V	Lee et al., 1991; Kollmann, 1996. Vegetative regeneration			
	No regrowth following removal of aboveground growth		0	
	Regrowth from ground-level meristems		1	
[	C. Regrowth from extensive underground system O. Any plant part is a viable propagule		2 3	
	J. Unknown		3	
		Score	1	
	Documentation: Describe vegetative response: Perennial, able to regenerate via the ground-level meristem. Sources of information: Koop, 1987; Siebel et al., 1998; SRC pers. obs.			
4.3. Level of effort required				
A	Management is not required: e.g., species does not persist without repeated anthropogen disturbance.	nic	0	
E	Management is relatively easy and inexpensive: e.g. 10 or fewer person-hours of manual effort (pulling, cutting and/or digging) can eradicate a 1 acre infestation in 1 year (infestation averages 50% cover or 1 plant/100 ft <sup>2</sup> ).	ıl	2	
(	Management requires a major short-term investment: e.g. 100 or fewer person-hours/ye	ar of	3	

D. U.	manual effort, or up to 10 person-hours/year using mechanical equipment (chain saws, mowers, etc.) for 2-5 years to suppress a 1 acre infestation. Eradication is difficult, but possible (infestation as above).  Management requires a major investment: e.g. more than 100 person-hours/year of manual effort, or more than 10 person hours/year using mechanical equipment, or the use of herbicide, grazing animals, fire, etc. for more than 5 years to suppress a 1 acre infestation. Eradication may be impossible (infestation as above).  Unknown	
	Score	
	Documentation:	
	Identify types of control methods and time-term required:	
	No management studies located for Euonymus europaeus. Due to the small stands in New	
	York, the species currently does not require management.	
	Sources of information:	
	LIISMA SRC, 2009.	
	Total Possible	10
	Section Four Total	3

**Total for 4 sections Possible** 

**Total for 4 sections** 

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#### C. STATUS OF CULTIVARS AND HYBRIDS:

At the present time (May 2008) there is no protocol or criteria for assessing the invasiveness of cultivars independent of the species to which they belong. Such a protocol is needed, and individuals with the appropriate expertise should address this issue in the future. Such a protocol will likely require data on cultivar fertility and identification in both experimental and natural settings.

Hybrids (crosses between different parent species) should be assessed individually and separately from the parent species wherever taxonomically possible, since their invasiveness may differ from that of the parent species. An exception should be made if the taxonomy of the species and hybrids are uncertain, and species and hybrids can not be clearly distinguished in the field. In such cases it is not feasible to distinguish species and hybrids, and they can only be assessed as a single unit.

Some cultivars of the species known to be available: Albus, Aldenhamensis, Nana, Red Ace, Red Cascade, Red Caps

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