

Invasive Plants of the Eastern United States

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Swearingen, J., K. Reshetiloff, B. Slattery, and S. Zwicker. 2002. Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas. National Park Service and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 82 pp.

Jetbead*Rhodotypos scandens*

Jetbead is an attractive shrub in the rose family (Rosaceae) that was introduced from Central China, Korea and Japan in 1866. It is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub that flowers in the spring, producing attractive clusters of white, four-petaled flowers. Found in at least 17 states east of the Mississippi, it has recently come to the attention of land managers who noticed it becoming invasive in natural habitats away from intentional plantings. Once established, it shades out native plants in the ground layer and inhibits native tree generation. It spreads by seed and by vegetative means.

*John M. Randall, TNC***Prevention and Control**

Small plants may be removed by hand digging, provided the entire root system is removed. For larger infestations, cut shrubs to the ground in the fall or winter and apply a glyphosate herbicide to new growth in the spring.

Native Alternatives

black chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*), spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), pasture rose (*Rosa carolina*), mapleleaf viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*), southern arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*)

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