

The Spindle Tree, *Euonymus europaea* L. (Celastraceae): A Newly Naturalized Shrub in Nova Scotia

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Over 100 plants, including over 750 individual shoots, of *Euonymus europaea* L. are reported from the Town of Antigonish in northern Nova Scotia. Plants were found in five discrete areas separated by 200-1000 m. A few individuals at one site may represent human planting; however, over 90 % of plants occur on waste ground or in dense shrubbery where natural colonization has occurred. Many individuals were observed in fruit in the fall of 2005, and over 95% of the plants had well developed buds and flowers in May and early June 2006. *Euonymus europaea* is considered a newly naturalized species for the flora of Nova Scotia.

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