

Asian bittersweet
Celastrus orbiculatus



Oriental Bittersweet
(*Celastrus orbiculatus*)

- Woody, deciduous, climbing vine
- Leaves alternate, glossy and usually rounder than American bittersweet
- Flowers small, greenish, occur in clusters in the leaf axils
- Fruits red-orange, surrounded by yellow, papery coat that splits in the fall
- Invades forest edges and open areas from escaped landscaping throughout Monroe County