

REM-RED (BUST-I) AMUR HONEYSUCKLE

Amur Honeysuckle, Lonicera maackii, is somewhat similar to Tatarian honeysuckle in general appearance. It grows to a height of 10-14 feet on good sites and produces a profusion of bright red berries which mature in late October or November. Each fruit is about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter. The fleshy part comprises about 90 percent of the berry, covering a small seed. The fruit is used primarily by songbirds. The berries provide attractive late fall color. This and its growth form makes it a useful wildlife shrub for hedge rows, borders and for small properties where the ornamental value is important.

'Rem-Red' is a new variety of Amur honeysuckle which was developed by Soil Conservation Service. Plants of 'Rem-Red Bush Honeysuckle' produce large quantities of bright red fruit. The fruit that is not eaten dries to a raisin and remains on the plant throughout most of the winter.

Adaptation - Rem-Red is adapted to the mid-Atlantic coastal plain and Piedmont area. It can be used to attract songbirds to home sites and public areas and for wildlife hedge rows, field borders, etc. Sites selected must be well to moderately well drained, with at least average fertility.

Establishment - Plant in early spring. Amur breaks dormancy earlier than most shrubs. Space the plants 6-8 feet apart. If planting in rows, leave 10-12 feet between rows. When planting in sod, scalp an area at least two feet across for each plant. Spread a closed handful of 10-10-10 or similar fertilizer in the bottom of each hole and cover with about two inches of soil before putting in plant. If a planting bar is used the fertilizer should be placed in a second slit near the plant or sprinkled in a ring around each plant. In any case, do not let the fertilizer touch the roots. Mulch each plant with 2-4 inches of wood chips, sawdust, or straw regardless of where the planting is made.

Maintenance - Keep vegetation away from each plant until it becomes well established. This should require about two years. If growth is not satisfactory the second year, sprinkle a small amount of complete fertilizer around each plant.

'Rem-Red' is a large bush (not a vine) and is not an objectionable pest plant.

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