

# SPOTTING INVASIVE PLANTS ON OUR ROADSIDES #7

New Milford CT, 5/26/21

## Autumn Olive



*Autumn olive at corner of Second Hill and Farmers Lane, 5/21/21*



Autumn Olive, *Elaeagnus umbellata*, is a common invasive shrub or small tree found along sunny roadsides. Like honeysuckle, it is quite ordinary, no spines, barbs, or winged stems. Like many invasives, it leafs out early and hold its leaves late, making it easy to spot in early spring or late fall. The pale silvery color is also easy to spot. Later in the season it is covered with abundant red berry-like fruits.

Autumn Olive outcompetes native plants. Although it provides food for adult birds, it doesn't support the caterpillars that are the necessary food for baby birds.

**Spot autumn olive along many sunny roads in New Milford, including:**

- Second Hill Road intersection with Farmers Lane – the sharp curve at the top of the hill
- Across from the cemetery on Fort Hill Road



The silvery shrubs across from the cemetery on Fort Hill Road are Autumn Olives

For more information, see <https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/VT/JS314-AutumnOlive.pdf>

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