

LONICERA OBLONGIFOLIA (Goldie) Hooker
Swamp Fly-honeysuckle

FAMILY: Caprifoliaceae

HABIT: Erect shrub to 1.5 m.; flowering May, June; fruiting July-September.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Superficially resemble *Lonicera canadensis*, which blooms at the same period and grows in similar habitats. The leaves of *L. oblongifolia* are downy beneath and without marginal cilia; the leaves of *L. canadensis* are smooth beneath and obviously ciliate on the margins. There also are fruit and flower distinctions between these species.

TOTAL RANGE: Man. to Que., to N.B., PA, OH, MI, WI, and MN.

STATE RANGE: ASHTABULA CO.: Penn Line Bog, 17 June 1933, L.E. Hicks (OS); wet woods, 8 Sept. 1944, F. Bartley (BHO). Braun (1961) maps this species from Cuyahoga County, and Roberts and Cooperrider (1982) list an 1891 record from Cuyahoga County as well. The basis for these reports is not known.

HABITAT: Moist, shaded situations, usually in swamp woods, bog thickets, and shrub borders; often associated with conifers.

HAZARDS: Drying of habitat by removal of forest canopy; browsing by rabbits and deer.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, but probably poor; the species reproduces vegetatively by root suckers (Jackson, 1974).

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect mature flowering or fruiting material.

COMMENTS: When not in bloom this species is easily overlooked. It also can be misidentified for *Lonicera canadensis* in flowering or fruiting conditions. This species should be sought in northeastern Ohio, particularly in Ashtabula County. There is a good possibility of its being extant in Ohio.

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