

## Sacred Bamboo, Nandina



Sacred bamboo or nandina (*Nandina domestica* Thunb.) is an evergreen erect shrub to 8 feet (2.5 m) in height, with multiple bushy stems somewhat resembling bamboo and glossy pinnately to bipinnately compound green or reddish leaves. Early summer terminal clusters of tiny white to pinkish flowers yield dangling clusters of red berries in fall and winter. Colonizes by root sprouts and spreads by animal-dispersed seeds.

### **Management strategies:**

- Do not plant. Remove prior plantings, and control sprouts and seedlings. Bag and dispose of fruit in a dumpster or burn.
- Treat when new plants are young to prevent seed formation.
- Manually pull new seedlings and tree wrench saplings when soil is moist, ensuring removal of all roots.
- With ornamental plantings, collect and destroy fruit.

### **Recommended control procedures:**

- Thoroughly wet all leaves with glyphosate herbicide as a 1-percent solution in water (4 ounces per 3-gallon mix) with a surfactant (August to October) or apply a basal spray of Garlon 4 as a 20-percent solution (5 pints per 3-gallon mix) in a labeled basal oil product, vegetable oil or mineral oil with a penetrant, or fuel oil or diesel fuel (where permitted); or apply undiluted Pathfinder II.
- Cut large stems and immediately treat the stump tops with one of the following herbicides in water with a surfactant: Arsenal AC\* as a 10-percent solution (1 quart per 3-gallon mix) or when safety to surrounding vegetation is desired, a glyphosate herbicide as a 20-percent solution (5 pints per 3-gallon mix). ORTHO Brush-B-Gon, Enforcer Brush Killer, and Vine-X are effective undiluted for treating cut-stumps and available in retail garden stores (safe to surrounding plants).

\* Nontarget plants may be killed or injured by root uptake.