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**Habitat:** Occurs in floodplains, forests, wetlands, and fields.

**General Description:** Like all Privets, Chinese Privet forms dense thickets, out-competing native vegetation. This stout, multi-branched shrub can grow up to 15 feet tall.

**Distinctive Characteristics:** Leaves are elliptical on short stalks, in pairs along stem (opposite). Fruits are small blue-black berries produced during late summer to early fall.

**Growth Habit:** Tree/Shrub

**Distribution:** Found mainly in the Southeast, but occurs as far West as Texas and north into Massachusetts.

## Chinese Privet *Ligustrum sinense*



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**Family:** Oleaceae (Olive Family)

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