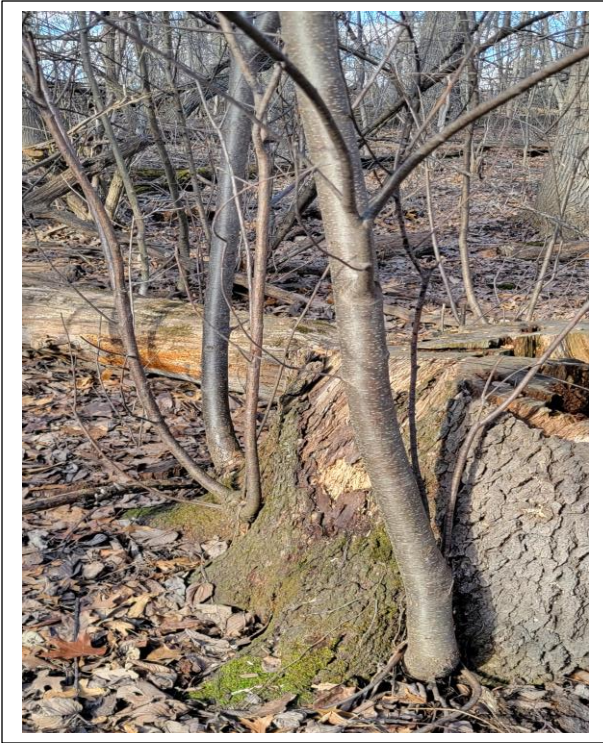


Black cherry stump sprouts



Common buckthorn saplings



Close-up of buckthorn bark



### Winter identification of young Black Cherry trees v. Common Buckthorn trees

Black cherry	Common buckthorn
<b>Bark:</b> <u>smooth</u> , dark-colored with obvious light-colored lenticels (pores used in respiration). Underbark is a greenish-white; very different from buckthorn underbark.	<b>Bark:</b> dark-colored, rough and flaky. Note the orange-colored underbark exposed in the photos above. A pocketknife is handy for checking this, to confirm it is buckthorn <i>before</i> cutting.
<b>Twigs:</b> arranged on the branch in an alternate pattern	<b>Twigs:</b> arranged in a nearly opposite pattern
<b>General overall shape:</b> erect young tree	<b>General overall shape:</b> twisted, crooked young tree