

# FORVILDEDE VEDPLANTER FRA HAVER OG HEGN – ET PROBLEM FOR DANSK NATUR?

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## Escaped woody garden plants – a problem in Danish nature?

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### SUMMARY

Preliminary results from the flora mapping project Atlas Flora Danica show a high frequency of woody garden escapes in the Danish landscape. An increasing dispersal by birds of alien species to forest margins, hedges and thickets is indicated.

80% of the 21 most common woody garden escapes are dispersed by birds. *Mahonia aquifolium*, *Berberis thunbergii*, *Ribes sanguineum* and several *Cotoneaster*'s are examples of species having increased outside gardens and becoming established within the last decades. Seeds from cultivars of native species such as *Ilex aquifolium* and *Hedera helix* are spread from garden as well, and many populations in nature (in some areas probably all) are of garden origin or mixed up with garden escapes.