Japanese Honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*)

**NATIVE TO:** Asia.

**CURRENT DISTRIBUTION IN ILLINOIS:** Extensively widespread throughout the state.

**IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS:** Woody twining vine up to 40 ft tall. Opposite simple leaves ovate, oblong, or elliptic with entire margins. Thin and hollow reddish hairy stems. Fragrant yellow to white flowers in late spring.

**IMPORTANCE:** Very aggressive weedy vine. Tolerant of a range of conditions, including limited light. Spreads aggressively to crowd out native species. Illegal to sell or trade in Illinois.

**HABITAT:** Open forests, forest edges, roadsides, fencerows, meadow, and disturbed areas.

**MANAGEMENT:** Herbicides such as glyphosate useful especially in fall or early spring when other plants are still dormant. Fire useful in appropriate habitats.