

JAPANESE HONEYSUCKLE

Lonicera japonica
Caprifoliaceae



Honshu white admiral

Two biological control agents, a butterfly and a weevil, have been approved for release against Japanese honeysuckle. The Honshu white admiral butterfly (*Limenitis glorifica*) consumes the foliage and the stem beetle (*Oberea shirahatai*) destroys the stems. The butterfly has been established at one site in the Waikato and efforts will now focus on establishing it more widely. The first field release of the stem beetle is expected to be made in spring 2016. Other potential agents for this target are also being considered.