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THERE'S ANOTHER SLITHERING REPTILE? YES!

By Karen Garland, Cherokee County Master Gardener

What has scales, no legs, and flicks out its tongue? If you immediately responded snake, you are only partially correct. There is actually a second right answer that includes blinking eyelids, inflexible jaw, and visible ear holes, which snakes do not have. If you guessed glass lizard you win the golden buzzer!

Moreover, additional physical differences include glass lizards lacking a broad, single row of belly scales, which are found on nearly all snakes, and body a.47 626.62 Tm0 g0 G-4(n)1 EThle.q0.S-8(d)-9(o)12(n)-14(o)luvbu

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Amur Honeysuckle: a Tough and Terrible Threat

By Mary Tucker, Cherokee County Master Gardener

We all want easy-to-grow plants, but beware what you wish for!

Amur honeysuckle or bush honeysuckle (Lonicera maackii) is a nonnative shrub in the Caprifoliaceae family that you might be attracted to

ous conditions, and offers lovely red berries in the fall. However, these same characteristics make it a menace garden. And if you do find it on your property, eradicate it immediately!

How it got here

(Tall Fescue, Kentucky Bluegrass, Creeping Red/Chewing Fescue)

Keep turf at a length of 2mow more than 1/3 of the total length of the grass at one time.

Now is the time to fill in bare spots with seed or

make sure to keep the new lawn moist until

(Bermuda, Centipede, Zoysia, St. Augustine)

Test the soil in your lawn and add amendments now so the soil pH is optimum come growing season.

Spot treat with a post-emergent weed killer for dandelions, violets, and other broadleaf weeds present in cool weather before they set seed. As an alternative to spraying, these weeds can be pulled with attention to making sure the root is completely removed

Prevent fallen leaves from matting on the surface of the lawn to keep the sod from being smothered.

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| Fall is a great time of year to plant in the South. The soil is still warm to promote root growth but cooler temperatures give us summer-weary gardeners a boost of energy to work outside. | |
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Going Nuts for Acorns!

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| Native alternatives |
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| tive plant in form or function. The main attraction is the red berries. And if you want red berries, there are several native hollies that should suit you (and the birds) well, such as the deciduous possumhaw (Ilex decidua) and winterberry (I. verticillata) and the evergreen yaupon holly (I. vomitoria). Other excellent native choices with red berries include red chokeberry (|
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Send recipes to Pat Bowen At woodsgal@hotmail.com

Spaghetti B

Chicken and Rice with Artichokes (serves 4-6)

Layer rice, chicken and artichokes in a crock pot. Blend soup and broth and pour over mixture. Sprinkle with pepper. Cook on low 4-6 hours. Top with cheese 30 minutes before done.