Species: *Elaeagnus angustifolia*
(el-ee-ag'nus an-gus-ti-fo'lee-ah)

**Russian Olive**

**Cultivar Information**

An invasive plant with no known sterile varieties, superior fruiting varieties are known in Europe and Asia but not commonly found in the US.
* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

**Ornamental Characteristics**

- Size: Tree > 30 feet
- Height: 12' - 15'(20') (equal spread)
- Leaves: Deciduous
- Shape: oval-rounded, loose and open
- Ornamental Other: prefers sun and open conditions; adaptable to any soil but prefers light, sandy loam; fixes atmospheric nitrogen

**Environmental Characteristics**

- Light: Full sun
- Hardy To Zone: 3a
- Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)
- Salt Tolerance: Tolerates salt spray, Tolerates salty soil
- Environmental Other: silvery gray foliage holds late into fall; fruit and flowers not very noticeable among leaves; rich brown, shedding bark, grows best if cut back every few years and coppiced.

**Insect Disease**

susceptible to verticillium wilt

**Bare Root Transplanting**

Any

**Other**

native to southern Europe and Asia; transplants readily

**Moisture Tolerance**

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Cultivars for *Elaeagnus angustifolia*

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Photos

Elaeagnus angustifolia - Leaves

Elaeagnus angustifolia - Leaves, Flowers

Elaeagnus angustifolia - Fruit

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