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 weak wooded

Cultivars for *Elaeagnus angustifolia*

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