

Botanical Name: Elaeagnus pungens 'Maculata'

Common Name: Golden elaeagnus

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright to spreading, stiffly branched, forming a dense,  
irregularly rounded canopy, becomes more open with age unless pruned--branches  
somewhat spiny, covered with glandular dots, usually wider than tall

Height 5-10' Spread 8-15' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates most, including alkaline

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24); tolerates desert heat

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval-elliptic, 2-4" long, margins  
somewhat undulate, dark green with golden blotch in center of blade

Flowers silvery, funnel-shaped, fragrant, mostly axillary, singly  
or in small clusters, 1/2" long -- September through November

Fruit small, oval, red drupe in winter

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent large filler or barrier plant - slope plantings-  
can be pruned into formal hedges

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak, tolerates both regular and some  
drought

Fertilizing little required after established

Pruning to shape desired, anytime--avoid heavy pruning

Pests/Diseases spider mite

Special Conditions rinse off foliage to discourage mites

Origin: Japan, China Family: Elaeagnaceae