

Botanical Name: Elaeagnus pungens

Common Name: Silverberry

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spreading, angular, dense shrub, frequently wider than
tall; rigid branches often spiny, covered with rusty dots

Height 6'- 15' Spread equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers well drained soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24); species is hardier than cultivars

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, elliptic to ovate, 2-4" long, margins
undulate, upper/lower surfaces covered with tiny dots, silvery white

Flowers yellow/green, tubular, 1/4" across, 1/2" long,
insignificant appearance, but highly fragrant - in fall

Fruit red drupe with silver dots, 1/2" long

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: background plant, hedge, espalier - very tolerant of heat
and drought - good up against a dark background; thrives in heat, wind, sea
coast conditions

Landscape Care:

Watering moderate, tolerates drought after first year

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning head back long, irregular branches to shape in winter; best
if not sheared

Pests/Diseases spider mites

Special Conditions hose off foliage occasionally to discourage mites

Origin: Japan, China Family: Elaeagnaceae