



Elaeagnus angustifolia



Height	4 - 8 (12) m
Width	4-8m
Crown	oval round, open, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	greyish green bark, shallow grooves, twigs silvery with thorns
Leaf	lanceolate, matted green, silvery grey underneath, 3 - 9 cm
Flowers	1 to 3 together, silver ♂ yellow, May/June, fragrant flowers
Fruits	oval, yellow drupe, edible, Ø approx. 1 cm
Spines/thorns	Yes
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	calcareous sandy soil, preferably dry
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	3 (-40,0 to -24,5 °C)
Wind resistance	good, suitable for coastal areas
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, resistant to de-icing salt
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, resistant to de-icing salt, provides food for birds
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, coastal areas, industrial areas, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Mediterranean area to Western and Central Asia

High, loosely growing shrub that ultimately grows to become a small, multi-trunked tree. Naturally occurring in dry places such as dunes and dry riverbeds. It can sometimes grow up to 12 m there. Growth is irregular, with thin twigs that fan out. Has an open crown shape that can grow to a width of approx. 5 - 7 m. The twigs turn from a silvery grey to reddish brown colour. Often bears strong thorns. The matted green, lanceolate leaves are 3 - 9 cm long and approx. 2.5 cm wide. The velvety underside is a striking silvery white colour. The bell-shaped flowers, approx. 1 cm in size, sometimes grow in clusters of 2 to 3 together. They have a strong aroma and are followed by olive-shaped, yellow drupes. They are edible and taste slightly sweet. Prefers a light and sunny, calcareous site. Suitable for industrial areas. Tolerates de-icing salt.