

*Eleagnus*

## **Elaeagnus (*Elaeagnaceae*)**



### **angustifolia, Russian Olive**

Origin: Southern Europe, Central Asia, China. Large shrub or small deciduous tree, thorny with spreading branches, covered in silvery scales. Lanceolate leaves, up to 8cm long, 2-3cm wide, grey-green on the upper side, silver underneath. Small, yellowish-white flowers in summer, followed by silvery-yellow fruit which look like small olives, in autumn. Grows well in all types of soil, even dry and sandy soil. Resistant to drought, saltiness and pollution. Useful for green screens and seaside boulevards.

### **x ebbingei**

Origin: hybrid between *Elaeagnus macrophylla* and *Elaeagnus pungens*. Evergreen shrub with upright, compact habit. The branches are slightly thorny, over time they get very long and become weeping at the ends. Alternate, oval, slightly undulate leaves, 5-10cm long and 3-6cm wide, glossy dark green on the upper side, silvery with brown spots on the underside. White, hanging flowers like small tubes 1cm long in groups of 3-6. They open from September to November on the axils of the leaves. Reddish fruits, edible, that look like small olives. Grows in almost all types of soil, even sandy, calcareous on the surface or very moist in winter. Tolerates maritime exposure. Withstands pruning and is used for obtaining beautiful evergreen hedges in a short time. When formed into a tree it can be included in the range of trees used for making evergreen avenues near the sea.



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**x ebbingei "Eleador"®**

Origin: France. Selection of *Elaeagnus x ebbingei* "Limelight", from which it differs in the following ways:

- in the first years it grows more in width and less in height;
- the leaves are larger (7-12cm long, 4-6cm wide), and the central golden yellow mark is wider and reaches the margins;
- it does not produce branches with all green leaves, but only an occasional branch which bears both variegated leaves and green leaves.

Growing requirements and use the same as *Elaeagnus x ebbingei*.

**x ebbingei "Gilt Edge"**

Compared to *Elaeagnus x ebbingei* it grows wider and more compact. Leaves: lanceolate, acuminate, slightly undulate, 5-10cm long, 3-5cm wide, bright green in the centre, wide golden-yellow margins. The underside is silvery and covered in black dots. There are no branches with green leaves. Growing requirements and use the same as *Elaeagnus x ebbingei*.



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**x ebbingei "Limelight"**

Evergreen shrub, upright, densely branched, some branches have thorns. Lanceolate, acuminate leaves, 4-8cm long, 3-4.5cm wide, vivid, dark green at the edges and a large, irregular yellow central strip. Some branches bear only dark green leaves. Same growing requirements and use as *Elaeagnus x ebbingei*.

**pungens "Maculata"**  
**(*E. pungens* "Aureomaculata")**

Densely branched, evergreen shrub. In the first years it grows more in width than in height. Leaves are bright yellow in the centre with irregular green margins. Grows well in all types of garden soil. Any shoots bearing only green leaves must be removed immediately. Used singly in rock gardens or to form groups, free or clipped hedges. Tolerates maritime exposure.

