

Elaeagnus pungens

Description

This is a tough rapidly growing shrub that is resistant to drought, salt spray, pollution, and damage by deer. It tolerates a range of soil types including poor and infertile. It tolerates shade but will have thinner foliage. Showy white fragrant flowers are followed by fruit that attracts birds. It is a large shrub so does well as a background plant, planted on slopes for erosion control, or as a barrier plant or windbreak. This plant is highly salt tolerant.

Mature Height 12-15 feet

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Blooms creamy white flowers late fall to early spring; fragrant

Evergreen

Full Sun

USDA zones 7a – 9b

Rapid growth rate

Silvery leaves

Used as borders, or hedges