

# *Elaeagnus Pungens*

**Family:** Elaeagnaceae

**Common Name:** Silverthorn

**Climate Zone:** USDA zones 7-9

**Origin:** China and Japan

**Flowering season:** Winter

**Salt Tolerance:** High

**Soil requirements:** Acid

**Nutritional requirements:** Low

**Light requirements:** Medium; high

**Major problems:** None

**Common uses:** Shrub, small tree



This fast-growing evergreen shrub with silver-green leaves with wavy edges, grows to a height of about 18 feet. The shrub has ¼ inch long, bell-shaped, cream color, fragrant flowers that grow in clusters. It can be propagated by softwood or hardwood cuttings or by seed. The fruit, bark and undersides of leaves have silvery specks. The dense, tangled stems of this shrub provide nesting sites for birds, that also eat the fruit.