

Mr. Smooth® Seedless Silver(thornless)



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Great as a
large, deer-
resistant hedge.

Elaeagnus × ebbingei 'NCEX1' USPPAF

- **Use:** Mr. Smooth® may just be the perfect landscape shrub. This selection from Dr. Tom Ranney and NCSU has no nasty thorns and is seedless, resolving the invasiveness issue so often associated with *Elaeagnus* in general. As such, its appealing silvery foliage and fragrant white flowers, its durability and adaptability to landscape challenges like drought, heat, salt, pollution, and deer, and its aesthetic adaptability, can be enjoyed in good conscience. Dense, compact habit can be allowed to grow naturally or pruned for hedges and topiary.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Easily grown in average, medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Also tolerates shade. Best in light, sandy loams in full sun. Established plants have good drought tolerance. This is a vigorous, fast-growing shrub that tolerates a wide variety of soils including poor infertile ones. Avoid wet, poorly drained soils.
- **Growth:** Fast growing to 4-6 ft. high, equal width.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen; When young, its leathery, elliptic, leaves (to 4" long) are green with silver scales. With age, leaf surfaces turn lustrous dark green above but remain silver gray beneath.
- **Flower:** Creamy-white, fragrant flowers (to 1/4" long) bloom in axillary clusters in late fall. Sterile. No fruits.

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