

# Ebbeng's Silverberry



## *Elaeagnus x ebbengii*

- **Use:** Fast growing evergreen with very attractive, large, leathery leaves metallic grey-green above and silver underneath but when young are almost entirely silver. Many inconspicuous but intensely fragrant, bell shaped, silvery flowers appear in clusters in October and November and these are followed by small egg-shaped orange or red fruits in spring. These are edible and are sometimes known as Wild Olives and are still popular in south-eastern Europe. Ideal for shady, windy or seaside positions, but not cold or wet situations.
- **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 both poor dry soils and moist clays. Avoid wet, poorly drained soils.
- **Growth:** Fast growing to 10 ft. high, equal width.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 8-10; 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 flowers (to 1/4" long) bloom in axillary clusters in late fall. Edible fruits.

Great as a large, deer-resistant hedge.

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