



**Russian Olive**  
*Elaeagnus angustifolia*  
 Elaeagnaceae

**Description**

Russian Olive was introduced for windbreaks in the late 1800's because of its ability to grow almost anywhere and at a fast rate. It has since been classified as an invasive species. They can be found all over North Dakota; along windbreaks, by waterways, or as specimens in people's yards.

**General Information**

**Zone:** 3-7  
**Height:** 12-20'  
**Width:** 20-23'  
**Habit:** Round  
**Growth Rate:** 6' per year

**Soil Texture:** Clay, Loam, Sand  
**Soil pH:** Acidic-Alkaline  
**Exposure:** Full Sun  
**Water Needs:** Wet-Dry  
**Soil Drainage:** Well-Poorly Drained  
**Other Attributes:** Drought Tolerant, Flood Tolerant, Salt Tolerant, Invasive

**Fall Color:** Yellow  
**Bloom Color:** Creamy, White  
**Bloom Time:** Early Spring-Early Summer  
**Fragrance:** Yes  
**Fruit Color:** Green, Silver  
**Fruiting Time:** Late Summer  
**Fruit Flavor:** Inedible  
**Attracts:** Bees, Butterflies, Birds, Small Mammals

**Resources:**

[Plants A to Z: Find Plant Names by Letter \(thespruce.com\)](http://thespruce.com)  
[Find a Plant | NC Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox \(ncsu.edu\)](http://ncsu.edu)  
[Trees and Plants | The Morton Arboretum](http://mortonarboretum.org)  
[WSU PNW Plants](http://wsu.edu)

[The Tree Guide at arborday.org](http://arborday.org)  
[Woody Plants Catalog | The UFOR Nursery & Lab \(um.edu\)](http://um.edu)  
[Plant Finder \(missouribotanicalgarden.org\)](http://missouribotanicalgarden.org)  
[N.D. Tree Handbook \(nds.edu\)](http://nds.edu)