

North Dakota Tree Selector

Scientific Name: *Elaeagnus commutata*

Family: Elaeagnaceae
(Oleaster)

Hardiness: Zone 2

Leaves: Deciduous

Plant Type: Shrub

Growth

Rate: Medium

Mature Height: >7'

Longevity: Short

Power Line: Yes

Ornamental

Flowers: Yellow

Fruit: Yellow drupe

Fall Color: n/a

Silverberry

Description

A medium shrub, native from the east coast to the Northwest Territories, through North Dakota and south to Utah. It would be more popular in landscaping situations, but it suckers profusely.

Preferences

Light: Full sun to partial shade.

Water: Prefers subsoil moisture as opposed to waterlogged sites. Drought tolerant.

Soil: Adaptable to high pH and saline soils.

Comments

Silverberry has silver colored leaves. Fast-growing, long-lived and resistant to disease and insect problems and drought. Transplants well, due to a shallow root system.

A very hardy species for cold climates, and sometimes used in windbreaks.

Credits: Tree Selector Website, North Dakota Tree Handbook, http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ELCO



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