Silverado™ Olive

Elaeagnus 'Jefsil'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Hybrid Olive, Russian Olive

Description:

A colorful shrub for tough conditions; a sterile, non invasive variety, with showy silver-green foliage, attractive upright habit, and fragrant flowers as primary attributes; suckering is very limited; great for embankment erosion control



Silverado Olive
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Silverado Olive is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It features subtle fragrant buttery yellow bell-shaped flowers along the branches in late spring. It has attractive grayish green foliage with hints of silver. The fuzzy oval leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Silverado Olive foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Silverado Olive is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Silverado Olive is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Silverado Olive will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 25 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for clay, alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.