

# Elaeagnus x ebbingei

## Boom

### Elaeagnus, Ebbing's Silverberry



*Elaeagnus x ebbingei* is an evergreen Shrub growing to 5 m (16ft) by 5 m (16ft) at a medium rate.

See above for USDA hardiness. It is hardy to UK zone 6 and is not frost tender. It is in leaf all year, in flower from October to January, and the seeds ripen from April to May.

The species is hermaphrodite (has both male and female organs) and is pollinated by Bees.

It can fix Nitrogen.

Suitable for: light (sandy), medium (loamy) and heavy (clay) soils, prefers well-drained soil and can grow in nutritionally poor soil. Suitable pH: mildly acid, neutral and basic (mildly alkaline) soils. It can grow in full shade (deep woodland) semi-shade (light woodland) or no shade. It prefers dry or moist soil and can tolerate drought. The plant can tolerate maritime exposure.

Habitats

Woodland Garden Sunny Edge; Dappled Shade; Shady Edge; not Deep Shade; Hedge; North Wall. In. East Wall. In. South Wall. In. West Wall. In.



Edible Uses

Edible Parts: Fruit Seed

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Fruit - raw or cooked. A reasonable size, it is about 20mm long and 13mm wide although it does have a large seed. The fully ripe fruit has a very rich flavour and makes pleasant tasting with a slight acidity. The fruit should be deep red in colour and very soft when it is fully ripe, otherwise it will be astringent. The flavour improves further if the fruit is stored for a day or two after being picked. The fruit ripens intermittently over a period of about 6 weeks from early to mid April until May. Seed - raw or cooked. It can be eaten with the fruit though the seed case is rather fibrous. The taste is vaguely like peanuts.



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