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# North Dakota Tree Selector

## General

**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.



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