

Elaeagnus angustifolia

RUSSIAN OLIVE

Elaeagnaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

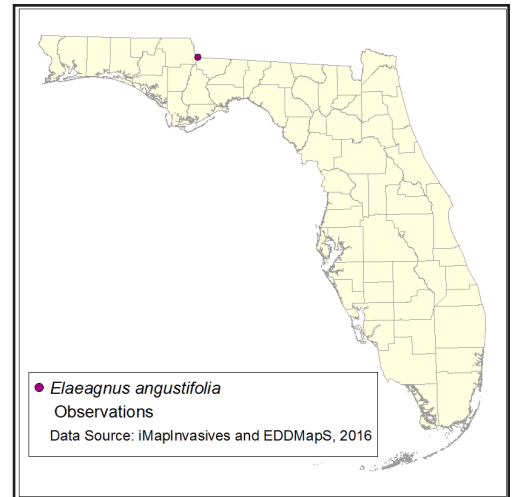
IFAS Assessment

North -
Central -
South -

USDA Hardiness Zone: 3a - 8b

Growth Habit: Shrub or small tree

Origin: Southern Europe and western Asia



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Description: Large deciduous shrub or small tree to 25 m tall. Bark reddish and shredding. Leaves alternate, silver-gray, lance-shaped. Fragrant yellow flowers in leaf axils. Flowers late spring. Fruit hard, olive-like.

Habitat: Riparian areas; stream banks, lake shores, prairies

Comments: Established nationwide but not yet vouchered in FL. Could be climate limited but would be good to keep out of state. Fixes nitrogen.

Florida Introduction Date: Introduced in US late 1800's; not established in Florida

Control Methods:

Chemical: Cut-stump (glyphosate, MDNR or 50% triclopyr ester, Katz and Shafroth), basal bark (triclopyr ester, MDNR),

Useful Resources:

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