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*Elaeagnus*

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*Elaeagnus* is derived, for some authorities, from Greek *elaia* (olive tree) and the Greek name *agnos* for the chaste tree (*Vitex agnus-castus*). Others note that the Greek philosopher Theophrastus (c.372-c.287 BC) called ‘willow’ *heleagnos* derived from Greek *helodes* (marsh) and *hagnos* (pure) components with reference to the fluffy white fruits on both olive willow (*Salix elaeagnos*) and poplar (*Populus*).