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*Elaeagnus pungens*

**THORNY ELAEAGNUS** is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to Japan and China it has small and fragrant, silvery-white flowers.

It is also known as Silver thorn, Spiny oleaster, Thorny olive, and Wood olive.

*Pungens* means ‘sharp-pointed, spiny or piercing’.

It was introduced to Britain in 1830 from Japan.