



Autumn-olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*)

Leaves alternate, simple

- 2-3" long with silvery hairs beneath
- Brown or reddish scales often present on leaves and young stems
- Small thorns on some branches

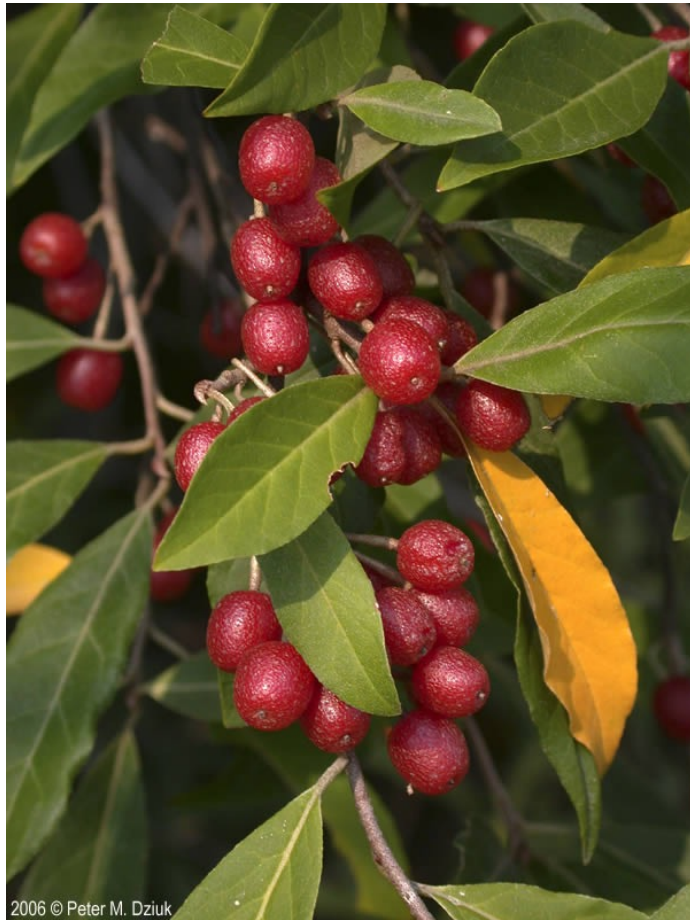




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Flower/fruit

- Flowers creamy white to pale yellow, tubular, with 4 petals.
- Flowers are borne in small clusters with developing leaves; May-June
- Fruit is a small red berry.





Autumn- & Russian-olive look alike

Autumn-olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*) and Russian-olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*) are characterized by the metallic sheen on their leaves and stems. They are most easily confused with buffaloberries (*Shepherdia* spp.), especially silver buffaloberry (*Shepherdia argentea*), which is not native to Wisconsin.



Russian-olive leaves

Species	Branching	Leaves
Russian-olive (<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>)	Alternate	Both upper and lower surface of leaves covered in silvery scales . Upper may be less densely covered.
Autumn-olive (<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>)	Alternate	Lower surface of leaves covered in silvery scales . Upper surface dark glossy green; sometimes with sparse scattering of silvery scales.
Buffaloberry / Soapberry (<i>Shepherdia</i> spp.) N/N-N	Opposite	<i>S. argentea</i> with silvery scales on both sides of leaves. <i>S. canadensis</i> dark green on upper surface with rusty scales on lower surface.