

# Velvet Touch™ Russian Olive

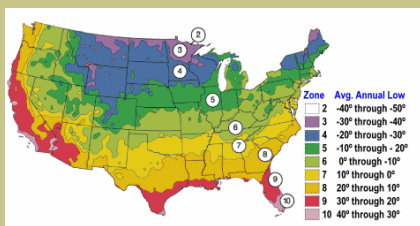
*Elaeagnus angustifolia* "Cooke's"

A small deciduous tree proving to be very durable in tough climates. Trunk and branches are covered with shredding dark brown bark, contrasting with willow-like 2" long silvery gray leaves. Velvet Touch™ is a special selection found to have far fewer thorns and larger, longer velvety leaves.

Russian Olives normally produce small green, berrylike fruit in summer which resembles miniature olives. In some regions these seeds create an invasive concern. Velvet Touch™ so far appears to not set fruit, but more time for further observation is needed to verify this.

Mature height is 25 feet with a spread of 25 feet.

Cold hardy to  
U.S.D.A. Zone 2.



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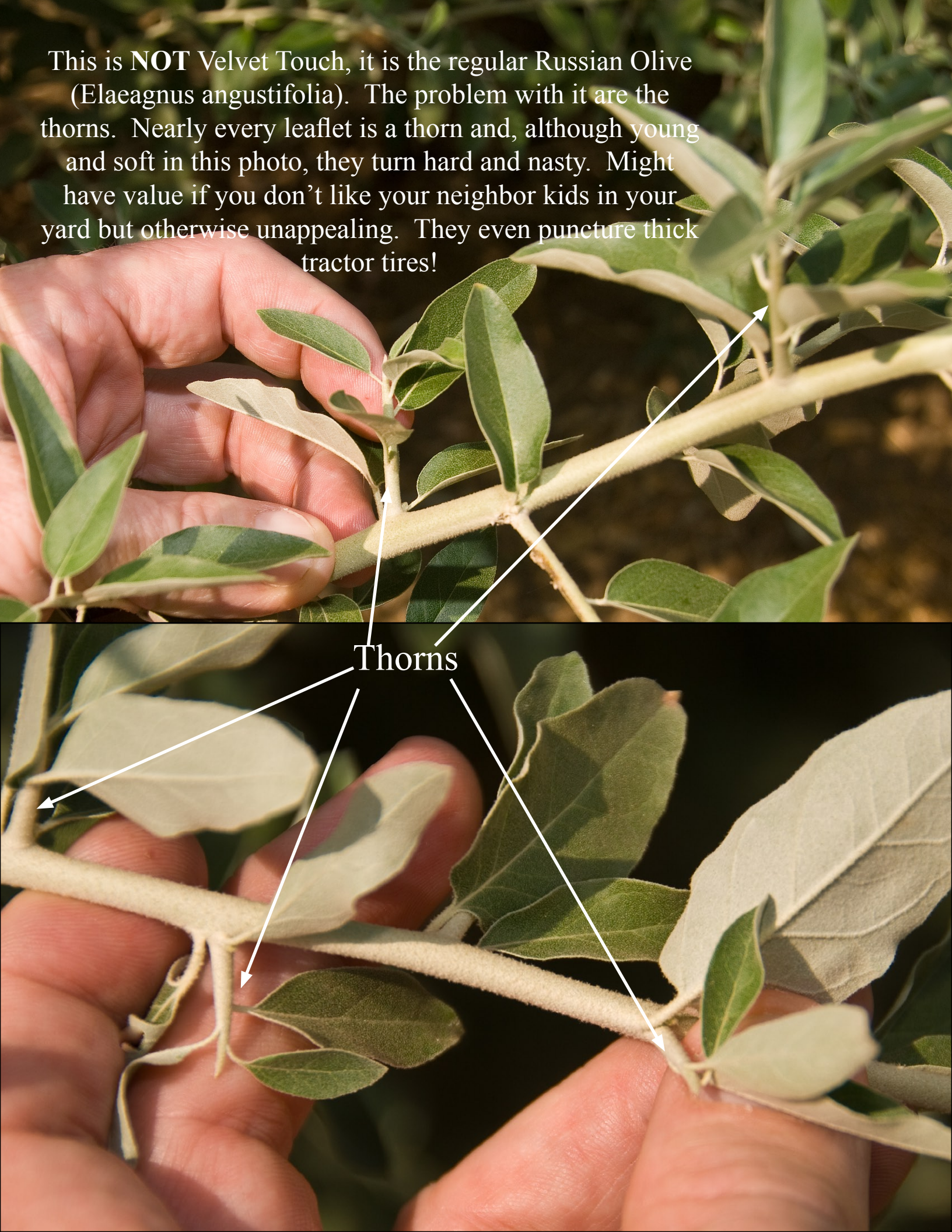


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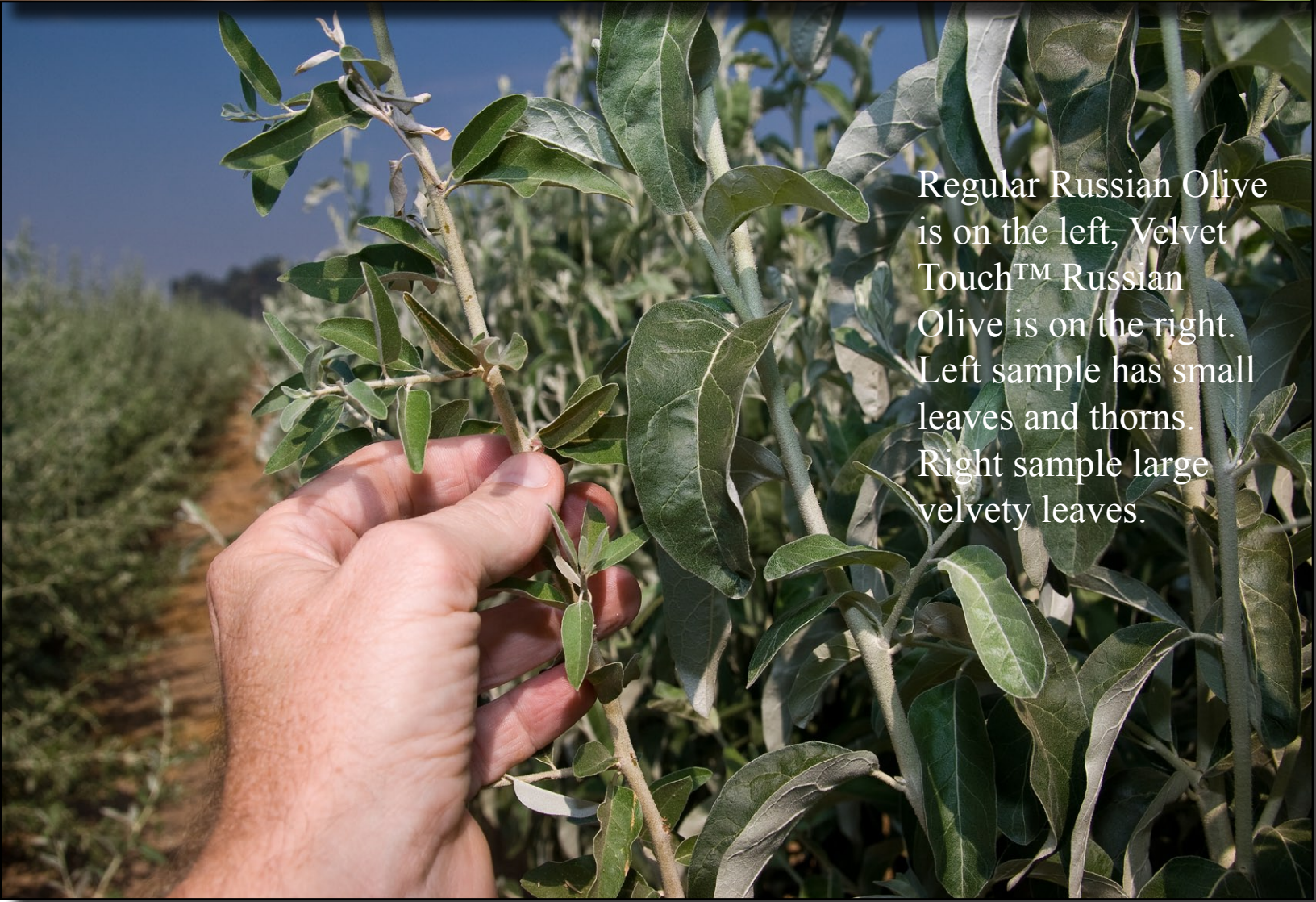
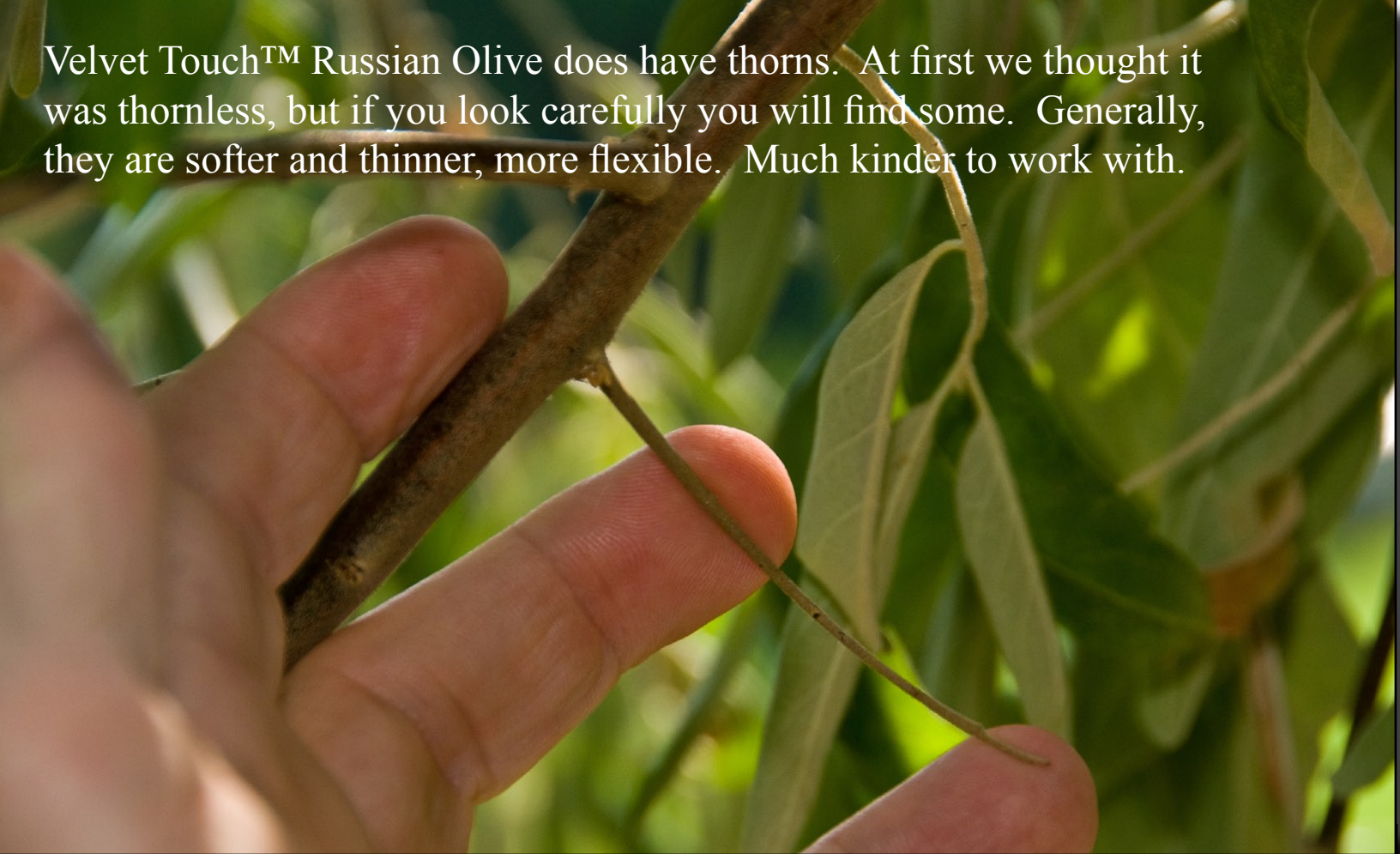
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This is **NOT** Velvet Touch, it is the regular Russian Olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*). The problem with it are the thorns. Nearly every leaflet is a thorn and, although young and soft in this photo, they turn hard and nasty. Might have value if you don't like your neighbor kids in your yard but otherwise unappealing. They even puncture thick tractor tires!



Velvet Touch™ Russian Olive does have thorns. At first we thought it was thornless, but if you look carefully you will find some. Generally, they are softer and thinner, more flexible. Much kinder to work with.



Regular Russian Olive is on the left, Velvet Touch™ Russian Olive is on the right. Left sample has small leaves and thorns. Right sample large velvety leaves.

More samples showing  
regular Russian Olive  
on the left and Velvet  
Touch™ Russian Olive  
on the right.

High resolution photos can be seen on  
internet at [www.CreatorsPalette.com](http://www.CreatorsPalette.com)

