

## *Euonymus europaeus*

### *Spindle Tree*



*Red Fruits and Orange seeds of Euonymus europaeus*

*Euonymus europaeus* is a twiggy upright spreading deciduous shrub native to Europe with narrowly ovate leaves which are dark green in summer turning yellow-green to reddish-purple in autumn.

In late spring it produces panicles of small yellow flowers which are nectar rich attracting pollinating insects, followed in Autumn by 4-lobed red/purple/pink fruits of around 1-1.5cm wide which split when ripe to reveal orange seeds.

The *Euonymus europaeus* is popular both as an ornamental plant or country hedging in gardens and parks due to its bright fruits and attractive autumn colouring.

Both the leaves and the fruits are harmful if eaten.



*2-2.5m Euonymus europaeus*

## **Plant Profile**

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| <b>Name:</b>        | <i>Euonymus europaeus</i>            |
| <b>Common Name:</b> | Spindle Tree                         |
| <b>Family:</b>      | Celastraceae                         |
| <b>Height:</b>      | 2.5 - 4 metres                       |
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| <b>Demands:</b>     | Prefers Full Sun / Partial Shade     |
| <b>Soil:</b>        | Moist but well drained soils         |
| <b>Foliage:</b>     | Deciduous                            |
| <b>Flower:</b>      | Small yellow flowers                 |
| <b>Fruits:</b>      | 4-lobed red fruits with orange seeds |





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Deepdale

The wood of the spindle tree is very hard and can be cut to a sharp point. It was used in the past for the making of wool spindles from where it gets its common name.



2m Multi Stem - *Euonymus europaeus*



Fruits of *Euonymus europaeus*



Flowers of *Euonymus europaeus*