

**Common Name:** Red Elderberry

**Scientific Name:** *Sambucus racemosa*

**Sun Exposure:** Full sun to part shade, prefers full sun

**Average Size:** 15-20 feet tall and 2-4 feet in diameter

**Moisture:** Can grow on sites ranging from fairly dry to moist.

**Elevation:** Low to upper elevations (sea level to 9,500 feet)

**Soils:** Can grow in a wide range of soils. Prefers deep, loamy, well-drained soils.

**Shape:** Grows as a large shrub or small tree (6-25 feet tall) generally having a multi-stemmed trunk.

**Foliage:** Deciduous ~Opposite leaves are divided into 5-7 pointed, oblong or lance shaped 5-10 cm long leaflets, finely toothed margins.

**Flower:** Early in spring growth producing abundant, small, creamy white flowers in large, clusters between April and July.

**Fruit:** Large clusters of small, bright red, fleshy berries appear in summer bearing 2-5 seeds per fruit.

**Notes:**

- Berries may be consumed as jelly or wine after cooking.
- The foliage has a strong, distinctive odor.
- The colorful fruit attracts birds other wildlife.
- Excellent riparian & wildlife habitat plant.

