

Common Name: Blue Elderberry

Scientific Name: *Sambucus caerulea*

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

Average Size: 25-50 feet tall and up to 12 inches in diameter

Moisture: Can grow on sites ranging from fairly dry to moist, **not** wet.

Elevation: Low to upper elevations (sea level to 5,000 feet)

Soils: Can grow in a wide range of soils. Prefers well-drained soils.

Shape: Grows as a large shrub or small tree (6-25 feet tall) generally lacking a single trunk.

Foliage: Deciduous ~Leaves long (3-20 cm long) and edges are serrated, are opposite and usually divided into 5-9 leaflets

Flower: Flat-topped clusters of small, whitish flowers with a strong unpleasant odor.

Fruit: Blue, berry-like fruits each containing 3-5 seed-like stones.

Notes:

- Quick to establish and fast growing once established.
- Berries are edible when ripe (dark blue)
- Excellent riparian & wildlife habitat plant.

