

ELDERBERRY

Sambucus canadensis

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Description

In summer, small white flowers are borne in dense clusters. Flowers are followed by a purple-black drupe produced in clusters. Fruit is edible when cooked and can be used in pies, pancakes, and jellies. Flowers and fruits are used in winemaking.



Information

CATEGORY	Deciduous
GROWTH RATE	Average
ADAPTABILITY	Full sun - partial shade
SHAPE	Multi-stemmed, rounded
SIZE	5-12' tall, 6-12' wide

Wildlife value

Butterflies attracted to the blooms. Fruits eaten by mammals and songbirds. Dead stems are used by stem-nesting bees. Excellent nesting site for birds.