

*Sambucus canadensis*



*Elderberry*



*Shrub*

## COMMON ELDERBERRY

**Warning:** New growth of Common Elderberry contains a glucoside that can be fatal to livestock.

The Common Elderberry is an erect, thicket-forming, somewhat woody shrub, 4' to 12' tall. Prefers rich, moist ground and can be used for erosion control on moist sites. Shade-tolerant, slow-growing in shade, fast-growing in full sunlight; it flowers June-July. Fruit a drupe; September-October; purplish black with red juice. At least 50 species of songbirds, upland game birds, and small mammals relish the fruit. Elderberries are attractive to makers of pies, jellies and wine. Common Elderberry is very decorative when in bloom; flowers later than most shrubs.