



## Red Elderberry

*Sambucus racemosa L. var. pubens (Michx.) Koehne*



<b>Family:</b>	Caprifoliaceae
<b>Habitat:</b>	Moist
<b>Color:</b>	White
<b>Height:</b>	8-20 ft.t
<b>Exposure:</b>	Sun to partial shade
<b>Bloom Dates:</b>	Spring
<b>Soil Moisture:</b>	Average
<b>Soil Quality:</b>	Rich
<b>Garden Uses:</b>	Upright shrub with vase shape. Use as accent plant in shrub border or hedge; can be planted under large trees; flowers attract butterflies and other insects; fruit very important to birds.
<b>Notes:</b>	Shrub. Berries are loved by birds. Where it grows under a canopy, it develops poorly, is lower height, and fruits sparingly, if at all. food for many species of birds including bluebirds, woodpeckers, grosbeaks, veeries, warbling vireo, red-eyed vireo, scarlet tanager, American crow, grouse, and hummingbirds who visit flowers for nectar. Heavily browsed by deer.
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