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### Blue Elderberry (*Sambucus caerulea*)

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#### Distribution

Blue Elderberry grows from sea level to 5,000 feet, however it is far more predominant in east of the Cascades Mountains.

#### Growth Habit

It is a large deciduous shrub that can grow to about 15-30 feet, with a spread of up to 20 feet. White flowers yield to bluish-black clusters of berries.

#### Adaptability

Blue Elderberry can be found growing in a wide range of sites that range from wet to dry and sunny to shady. It grows best with ample sun.

#### Comments

- Blue Elderberry has a variety of uses as a conservation species including riparian habitat restoration, erosion control, shelter belts, and wildlife habitat improvement.
- It is quick to establish, and fast growing once established.
- Its dark blue berries have been favored for generations for use in preserves, pies and wine.

