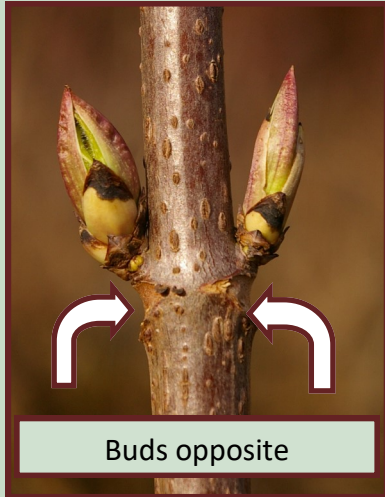


Red Elderberry



Buds opposite



White flowers



5-7
leaflets
sharply
toothed



Bright red berries



Spring buds

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Sambucus racemosa

PNW Native Plant

Deciduous shrub to
small tree

Arching growth habit

Cultural Uses:

Berries are important food for peoples on the northern and central coast. They are boiled to make sauces and make good jelly as well. The Makah pound the fresh leaves and put them on boils, the Cowlitz put them on sore joints. The raw berries may cause nausea.

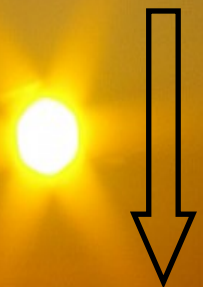
Ecology:

Stream banks,
swampy thick-
ets, moist clear-
ings, open
forests

Restoration Uses:

The leaves of this shrub have 5-7 sharply toothed leaflets and pyramidal clusters of small creamy white flowers that bloom May-July. The flowers turn to small bright red berries that attract butterflies and hummingbirds. This shrub can tolerate full sun and prefers moist soils. Best in wild part of garden. Grows 12-20 feet tall.

FULL SUN TO



Full shade

Full shade

Moist soils

