



## Species: *Sambucus canadensis*

(sam-bue'kus can-ah-den'sis)

### American Elder

#### Cultivar Information

\* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

#### Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub > 8 feet

Height: 5' - 12' (spread 8' - 15')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: broad-rounded

Ornamental Other: full sun

#### Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 3a

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Salt Tolerance: Tolerates salt spray

Environmental Other: small white flowers appear in early June; blue-black edible fruit in late summer used for jelly and wine, attracts birds

#### Insect Disease

No diseases listed

#### Bare Root Transplanting

Any

## Other

suckers profusely; requires heavy pruning to be kept in presentable condition

Cultivars for *Sambucus canadensis*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Adams	'Adams' - larger, more numerous fruits than species
Aurea	'Aurea' - large (to 10 feet), golden leaved variety
Laciniata	Laciniata - deeply incised green leaves
Variegata	Variegata - narrow leaflets with creamy white-yellow variegation; prefers semi-shade for best foliage color
York	'York' - larger, more numerous fruits than species; similar to 'Adams'

## Photos



*Sambucus canadensis* - Flowers



*Sambucus canadensis* - Leaves, Fruit



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*Sambucus canadensis* - Buds



*Sambucus canadensis* - Habit



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Sambucus canadensis - Fruit



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*Sambucus canadensis* - Leaves



*Sambucus canadensis* - Flower Buds