



Species: *Sambucus pubens/racemosa*

Red Elderberry

Cultivar Information

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Tree < 30 feet, Shrub > 8 feet, Shrub 4 to 8 feet

Height: 15'

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: multi-stem, suckering to form large colonies

Ornamental Other: Large racemes of small white to pink flowers; glossy red fruits; foliage color of green, yellow, and purple by cultivar

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: Any

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

Insect Disease

Some susceptibility to canker, powdery mildew, leaf spot, borers, spider mites and aphids.

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

S. racemosa is native across northern Eurasia whereas the closely related *S. pubens* is native from

northern North America

Cultivars for *Sambucus pubens/racemosa*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Sutherland Gold	'Sutherland Gold' - deeply incised, golden leaved variety
Plumosa Aurea	'Plumosa Aurea' - slightly incised, golden leaved variety; new foliage emerges burgundy and fades to gold

Photos