

American Elderberry

Sambucus Nigra ssp. *canadensis*

Leaf: Opposite, compound, 6 to 11 inches long with 5 to 11 elliptical serrate leaflets, acuminate tips, bottom leaflets are often 3-lobed, dark green above and much paler below.

Flower: Species is monoecious, small, white, borne in dense, flat-topped clusters, up to 8 inches across, appearing in summer.

Fruit: Small, berry-like drupe, purple-black, and very juicy up to ¼ inch in diameter, maturing in late summer.

Form: A large shrub or small tree often with multiple stems that are spreading or arching reaching up to 12 feet tall.

