

Sambucus nigra ssp. *caerulea* (*S. mexicana*)
Mexican Elderberry, Elderberry



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SHRUB, SMALL TREE - deciduous.

6 - 20' high, 10'+ wide. Usually multi-trunk.

Light green pinnate leaves.

Creamy flowers in flat clusters - summer. Blue berries.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub, chaparral, southern oak woodland - open flats, valleys and canyons below 4500' - northern Baja California to central California, east to Arizona.

Full sun to part shade. Frost resistant.

Drought tolerant, but best in moist soil.

Good for screen, background specimen. Attracts birds.

Grows fast. Appearance improved by hard pruning when dormant.

