

Blue Elderberry *Sambucus caerulea* (syn. *Sambucus glauca*)

Distribution: Blue Elderberry grows throughout Washington, from sea level to 5,000 feet. It is far more predominant in eastern Washington.

Growth: Blue Elderberry has a fairly rapid growth rate. It grows up to 20 feet in height and 20 feet in spread.

Adaptability: Blue Elderberry can be found growing in a wide range of sites that range from wet to dry and sunny to shady. It grows best with ample sun.

Comments: Blue Elderberry has a variety of uses as a conservation species including riparian habitat restoration, erosion control, shelter belts, and wildlife habitat improvement. It is quick to establish, and fast growing once established. Its dark blue berries have been favored for generations for use in preserves, pies and wine.

