

# Blue Elderberry

*Sambucus caerulea* ~ Honeysuckle Family

**Lummi:** tsiweq-ilhch    **Nooksack:** ts'ikwékway7

## Ethnobotany

- Berries are safe raw, but usually cooked

## Habitat Value

- Nectar eaten by hummingbirds, bumblebees & butterflies
- Berries eaten by small birds & mammals
- Hollow stems used by cavity-nesting bees

## Characteristics

- Large shrub or small tree with leaves divided into five to nine leaflets
- Creamy, white flower clusters become blue, powdery, waxy berries

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