

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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