PLANT FACT SHEET

Sambucus callicarpa Greene

GENUS *Sambucus* **FAMILY** Viburnaceae

COMMON NAMES Red coast elder, Pacific Red Elder

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Fruit

The fruit are used for jellies, pies and wine.
CAUTION: They are also claimed to be poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. They grow to 1.5-4 m high. The leaves have 5-7 leaflets. Each leaflet is 6-16 cm long. They are sword shaped and with sharp teeth. They are hairy along the veins. The flowers are yellowish-white. The flowers are star shaped and fragrant. They are in rounded clusters which are 10 cm across. The berries are purple black or red and 4-6 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. They occur in low lying damp areas.

NOTES

There are about 25 Sambucus species. Also put in the family Sambucaceae.

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