Blue Elderberry (*Sambucus caerulea*)

**Distribution**
Blue Elderberry grows from sea level to 5,000 feet, however it is far more predominant in east of the Cascades Mountains.

**Growth Habit**
It is a large deciduous shrub that can grow to about 15-30 feet, with a spread of up to 20 feet. White flowers yield to bluish-black clusters of berries.

**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.