

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Roger Spencer, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



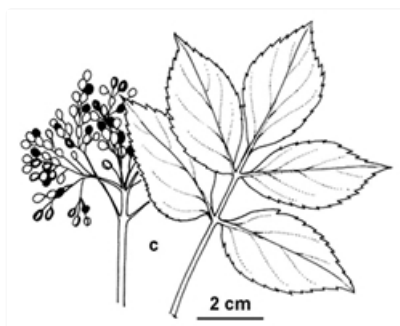
Flowering stem. Photographer Jackie Miles



Mature fruit and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Tree. Photographer Jackie Miles



Line drawings. c. fruiting branch; leaf. MMbir, M, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board,

Common name

Elderberry, Common Elder

Family

Adoxaceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. Widespread. Rare on the Western Slopes.

Notes

Introduced deciduous shrub or tree to about 6 m high. Fruit fleshy. Branches **striate**, with **lenticels**, more or less hairless, 4-angled when young. Leaves opposite each other, mostly 5–25 cm long; **compound**, with 3–7 leaflets, mostly 4–8 cm long, 15–45 mm wide, the lowest pair not close to the stem, tips pointed, margins in the upper two-thirds, surfaces more or less leathery, becoming hairless. Flowers white or yellowish, usually with 5 **petals** each 2.5–3 mm long, shortly joined at the base. Flowers in branched clusters 5–20 cm diameter. Flowers mainly Oct.–Jan. Fruit black, shiny, more or less round, about 5 mm long.

Family was Sambucaceae. Family Caprifoliaceae in Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Sambucus~nigra> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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