

Cultural Information- Sambucus
(sam-BYOO-kus)

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun; a southern exposure is best.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 30°. Hardy to Zone 4 and best grown as a garden plant outdoors.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Best to maintain humidity above 50% although it will tolerate lower levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Keep soil evenly moist; do not allow to dry down completely. Elderberry like moist soil conditions.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate feeder under warmth and high light. Feed with a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 at regular intervals through its active growing season of spring and summer. Discontinue in mid-summer to allow growth to harden off. For outdoor ground plantings, feed in spring.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Pruning is generally done in late winter. Old woody canes can be removed as necessary. The flowers form on the tips of new growth regardless of whether it is arising out of old woody stems or new suckers from the base.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects or diseases.
<u>Comments:</u>	Elderberries are easy plants to culture. They like a damp spot or frequent irrigation and a sunny exposure. Flowers form on the tips of the new growth in early summer.