



Korsor Elderberry

Sambucus nigra

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A large bushy shrub or multi-stemmed tree featuring clusters of small, creamy white flowers in spring followed by edible black berries and thick, pithy stems, quite coarse in winter; very adaptable, survives with minimal care but tends to sucker

Edible Qualities

Korsor Elderberry is a medium-sized shrub that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces black which are typically harvested when mature. The have a sweet taste.

The are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Preserves
- Juice-Making
- Tea

Features & Attributes

Korsor Elderberry features showy clusters of fragrant buttery yellow flowers held atop the branches in late spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The compound leaves turn yellow in fall. The black fruits are held in clusters .



Korsor Elderberry in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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This is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage. This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Korsor Elderberry is suitable for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Korsor Elderberry will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This plant is typically grown in a designated edibles garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.