

Elder - *Sambucus nigra*



Description

Elder is a shrub that can grow up to 8m in height. The leaves are divided into 5 serrated oval leaflets, each terminating in a point. Buds are located in opposite pairs and flowers are flat whitish clusters with a distinctive aroma commonly used to flavour drinks; these ripen to red-black berries. The bark can be very corky, especially in older specimens.

The shrub is found in fertile, moist to dry, neutral to slightly basic soils. Elder is present in a range of woodland communities, W6-11, as well as scrub and hedgerows.

Soil regimes

Soil reaction (R)	7
Nitrogen availability (N)	7

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