Golden Glow Elder

Sambucus racemosa 'Golden Glow'



Golden Glow Elder foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: European Red Elder

Description:

This ravishing introduction features fine-textured golden foliage all season long which often emerges with a reddish tint, along with showy creamy white flowers in spring followed by red berries; ideal compact size for the home landscape

Ornamental Features

Golden Glow Elder features showy clusters of lightly-scented creamy white flowers held atop the branches in mid spring. It has attractive gold deciduous foliage which emerges antique red in spring. The ferny compound leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. The red fruits are held in abundance in spectacular clusters in early summer.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Glow Elder is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance 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;

- Disease

Golden Glow Elder is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Golden Glow Elder will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy, 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 shrub 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.