

Lemony Lace® Elderberry



Sambucus racemosa 'SMNSRD4' USPP 26,613

- **Use:** *A bright and stylish plant with an easy-going nature.* Lemony Lace® offers finely dissected foliage but in a cheery gold color to really light up your landscape. This North American native produces big clusters of white flowers in early spring before the foliage emerges, then bright yellow leaves take over, edged in red. As the foliage ages, it turns an attractive chartreuse. Though it is a large plant, it can be pruned to stay smaller if you'd like.
- **Exposure/Soil:** *Prefers to grow in morning sun and afternoon shade in southern gardens.* Benefits from hard pruning as a young plant to develop a nice full habit. Older plants can be trimmed after flowering. This plant blooms on old wood, so spring pruning will reduce flower production. Adaptable to most well-drained soils.
- **Growth:** Grows 4-7' tall and 4-7' wide. They are best pruned after blooming.
- **Hardiness:** **Zone 4a-7b** Shrub; Protect from hot summer sun. This plant is best suited for North Georgia Mountains and further North. Correct siting important to protect from our hot, wet summers.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Distinctive thread-like foliage emerges red and quickly becomes a golden-chartreuse .
- **Flower:** Showy clusters of lightly-scented creamy white flowers held atop the branches in mid spring. The red fall fruit makes it a good addition to wildlife gardens where birds can eat it, but humans cannot. The berries are poisonous.



Top reasons to grow Lemony Lace elderberry:

- Very colorful foliage from spring through fall
- Little to no maintenance required
- Showy white flowers in spring / fruit for birds in the fall
- Very deer resistant

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