

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Dried specimen. Missouri Botanical Garden, USA

## Common name

North American Dewberry, Lucretia Dewberry

## Family

Rosaceae

## Where found

Occasionally **naturalised**. Sydney area and north. Blue Mountains.

## Notes

**Introduced prostrate** to low arching semi-**deciduous shrub** to 0.3 m high. Produces roots at the stem tips. Fruit fleshy. Prickles 2–3 mm long on the stems (not confined to the stem angles), sometimes on midribs on the backs of the leaves, and on the flower stalks. Fruit fleshy. Stems bluntly angled, hairless or sparsely hairy, with many stalkless dark red **glands**. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 3 or 5 leaflets, both surfaces sparsely hairy, mostly on the **veins**. Terminal leaflet on non-flowering stems usually the largest, mostly 7–8 cm long, 40–60 mm wide. Leaves at the base of the flowering stems with 3 leaflets, the **terminal** leaflet mostly 2.5–6 cm long, 15–35 mm wide. Flowers white, with 5 **petals** each 16–20 mm long, oval to oval, not crumpled. Flowers in clusters of 1–8 flowers. Flowering: mainly spring and summer. Fruit initially green, ripening red, maturing black, oval to oblong, 10–20 mm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rubus-roribaccus> (accessed 18 March 2021)

Flora of North America description (as *Rubus flagellaris*): [http://www.efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora\\_id=1&taxon\\_id=242417161](http://www.efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=1&taxon_id=242417161) (accessed 18 March 2021)

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