

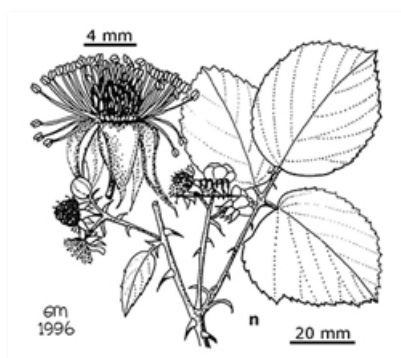
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, north of Bodalla



Flowers, fruit, and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mt Stromlo, ACT



Line drawings. n. flowering and fruiting stem; flower section. E.M. Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Blackberry

## Family

Rosaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, grasslands, pastures, disturbed sites, roadsides, gardens, orchards, plantations, along streams and near swamps. Coast and ranges north from Jervis Bay. ACT.

## Notes

**Introduced** semi-**deciduous shrub** to 3 m high, **scrambling** or sprawling, stems sometimes arching. Produces roots at the stem tips and suckers from the base. Forms dense thickets. Prickles to about 12 mm long on stems (mainly on the angles), leaf stalks, sometimes on the lower surfaces of the leaves, occasionally on the **sepals**. Leaf margins sharply toothed. Stems strongly angled, hairless to densely hairy, often with a waxy bloom, often developing a white scaly covering with age. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 3 or 5 leaflets, sometimes some leaflets joined. Leaflets mostly 2.5–8 cm long, 10–55 mm wide, bases wedge-shaped to **cordate**, upper surface green, becoming hairless, lower surface densely and minutely **felted**, longer hairs absent or rare. Flowers usually pale pink, sometimes white, with 5 **petals** each 8–15 mm long, broad elliptic to nearly round, cup-shaped and often slightly crumpled. Flowers in narrow cylindrical branched clusters. Flowering: Mainly late spring and summer. Fruit more or less round, initially green, ripening red, maturing black, about 15 mm in diameter.

***Rubus ulmifolius*** in PlantNET.

One of the species in the ***Rubus fruticosus* species aggregate**.

A Weed of National Significance. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions all NSW. Pest plant ACT. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rubus-ulmifolius> (accessed 20 April 2021)

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