

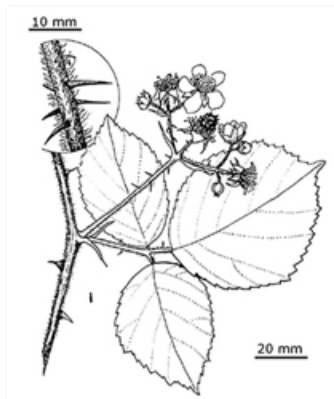
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch and leaves. Photographer Jackie Mles, Jindabyne



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Line drawings. i. flowering and fruiting stem; stem detail. EVM/Myfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Blackberry

Family

Rosaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grassland, roadsides, and near streams. Coast, ranges, and tablelands, north from east of Goulburn. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced semi-**deciduous shrub** to 1.4 m high, **scrambling** or trailing, stems sometimes arching. Produces roots at the stem tips and suckers from the base. Forms dense thickets. Stems purplish. Prickles usually unequal, straight or curved, 2–10 mm long, on stems (mainly on the angles), axis of the flower clusters, and sometimes the **sepals**. Leaf margins sharply toothed. Fruit fleshy. Stems angled, with sparse to dense **simple** hairs and sometimes with scattered longer **glandular** hairs. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 3 or 5 leaflets (sometimes some leaflets joined). Leaflets mostly 4–9 cm long, 30–80 mm wide, upper surface green, becoming hairless, lower surface sparsely to densely **felted** below a dense covering of longer hairs. Flowers pale pink fading to white with age, with 5 **petals** each 9–17 mm long, broadly oval, not crumpled. Flowers in pyramidal to cylindrical branched clusters. Axis of the flower clusters densely hairy with **erect** hairs. Flowering: mainly late spring and summer. Fruit initially green, ripening red, maturing black, more or less round, sometimes hairy, about 10 mm in diameter.

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.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rubus~vestitus> (accessed 5 February, 2021)

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