

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Black Mountain, ACT



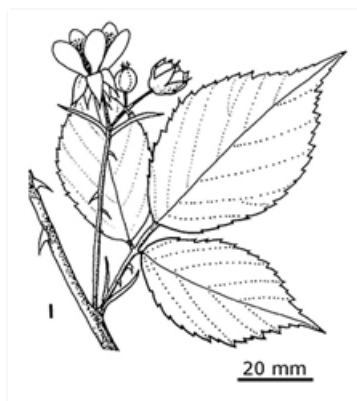
Fruiting stem. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, between Point Hutt and Tharwa, ACT



Leafy stems with young fruit. Photographer Michael Mulvaney, Mt Mugga Mugga, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, Murrumbidgee River, ACT



Line drawing (as *Rubus discolor*). I. flowering stem
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Common name

Blackberry

Family

Rosaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grasslands, pastures, disturbed sites, roadsides, gardens, orchards, plantations, along streams, and near swamps. Widespread. Rare on the Western Slopes.

Notes

Introduced high arching semi-**deciduous shrub** to 4 m high forming dense thickets. Produces roots at the stem tips and suckers from the base. Prickles to 7 mm long on stems (mainly on the angles), leaf stalks, and sometimes on the lower surfaces of the leaves. Leaf margins sharply toothed. Fruit fleshy. Stems strongly angled, hairy when young, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, usually **compound**, with 3 or 5 leaflets, sometimes some leaflets joined, leaves on the stems that produce flowers often with

only 1 or 2 leaflets. Leaflets mostly 3–11 cm long, 10–75 mm wide, upper surface green, becoming hairless, lower surface usually **felted** with sparse to moderately dense longer hairs. Flowers pale pink, fading white, with 5 **petals** each 6–19 mm long, elliptic, not crumpled. **Sepals** without prickles. Flowers in large clusters. Flowering: Mainly late spring and summer. Fruit more or less round, initially green, ripening red, maturing black, about 15 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.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rubus-anglocandicans> (accessed 5 February, 2021)

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