

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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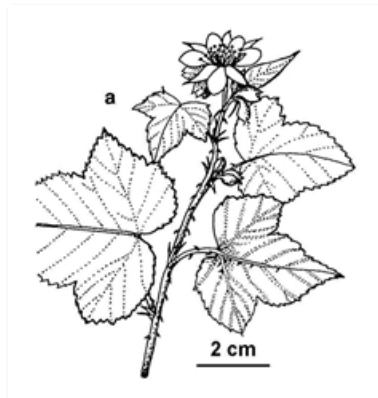
Fruiting stem. Photographer Max Campbell, near Merimbula



Back of leaf. Photographer Andre Messina, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



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Line drawing (as *Rubus hillii*). a. flowering stem. EM Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Molucca Bramble, Queensland Raspberry, Lobed Molucca Bramble

Family

Rosaceae

Where found

Forest and moist gullies. Coast and ranges. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Tall **scrambling shrub** or climber, stems to 6 m long. Prickles to about 3 mm long scattered on the stems, leaf stalks, lower surface of

the leaves, and flower stalks. Fruit fleshy. Stems hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–15 cm long, 30–125 mm wide, prominently 3-lobed, rarely 5-lobed, margins toothed, sometimes shallowly lobed, bases often **cordate**, upper surface green, sparsely **appressed**-hairy, lower surface often brown **tomentose**. Flowers usually pink, rarely red or white, with 5 **petals** each 6–8 mm long. Flowers in clusters of up to 12 flowers. Fruit red, more or less round, 11–13 mm long.

Was *Rubus hillii*.

A naturally occurring hybrid between *Rubus moluccanus* var. *trilobus* and *Rubus parvifolius*, known as *Rubus x novus*, has characters **intermediate** between these two species.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rubus~moluccanus> (accessed 5 February, 2021)

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