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Salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*)

Distribution

Salmonberry grows from southeast Alaska to California, extending from the Pacific coast eastward into Idaho and Montana.

Growth Habit

Salmonberry is an upright deciduous shrub that can grow to 12 feet tall and can spread by rhizomes, creating large, dense thickets. The pink flower produces a orange red raspberry like berry that is edible but slightly tart.

Adaptability

Salmonberry is found growing in sites that range from wet riparian areas to dry upland sites. It grows in fully exposed, open areas, or as a shaded under-story species.

Comments

- Salmonberry is a good species for use as a colonizing species in highly disturbed sites.
- It is a vigorous rooting shrub perfect for soil stabilization.
- Its berries provide an important food source for animals ranging from small birds to bears.

