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Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*)

Distribution

Snowberry is widely distributed throughout the Pacific Northwest at low to mid elevations.

Growth Habit

Snowberry is a deciduous shrub with an upright growth habit. It can grow anywhere from 3' to 8' tall, with an approximately equal spread. They are rhizomatous and can spread by underground runners, creating thickets that can be quite large.

Adaptability

Snowberry is adaptable to a wide range of conditions. It grows in sun or shade, in damp, marshy sites, or rocky open upland areas. It is found growing at sea level to mid elevation forests.

Comments

- Snowberry is readily identified by its white berries that develop in late summer and persist through winter.
- It is an outstanding conservation species and is adaptable to a wide range of sites, its rhizomatous root system make it a good soil stabilizer, provides wildlife habitat, and is a common riparian species.
- **It is important to note that the berries are considered to be poisonous.**

