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Trailing Blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*)

Distribution

Trailing blackberry, also known as Pacific Blackberry or Dewberry, grows from British Columbia to California, extending from the Pacific coast eastward into Idaho and Montana.

Growth Habit

It is a mound-building shrub that can grow up to 20 feet long. Flowers are white or pink and form in clusters of 2 to 15 near the end of leafy branches April-July. The flowers give rise to dark purple to black berries June-August that are edible and delicious.

Adaptability

Trailing Blackberry is an evergreen, low-growing, trailing or climbing native plant. It can be found on disturbed sites and dry open forests on low to mid elevations. Grows best in moist to dry soils with shade to full sun.

Comments

- Trailing blackberry has vigorous vegetative regeneration as well as reproduces through seed.
- Birds and many mammals favor the tasty berries helping with seed dispersal.
- A good wildlife habitat component to any restoration site.

