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Dewberry

Rubus spp.

Life cycle: Deciduous woody perennial, with prostrate habit.

Leaves: Alternate, compound, with 3 to 7 elliptical shaped leaflets with serrated margins.

Stems: Green to brown with small slender bristles. Prostrate or trailing habit.

Flowers and fruit: Flowers five white petals, and appear in May/June. Fruits are aggregates of small black drupes, maturing in mid to late summer.

Reproduction: Plants spread laterally from buds on lateral roots and rooting of shoot tips. Birds eat the berries and disperse seeds widely.

Similar weeds

Several *Rubus* species are common weeds in blueberries, and are difficult to identify to species. Trailing types typically are called dewberries, whereas upright types are referred to as blackberries.



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