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Brambles

(blackberries, dewberries, raspberries, etc.)

Rubus spp.

Life cycle

Woody perennials.

Leaves

Alternate, typically compound with three to seven leaflets with toothed margins. Undersides of leaves are white to green.

Stems

Arching/trailing stems that root when in contact with the ground to form thickets. Stems have fine bristles or stiff prickles.



Raspberry foliage and fruit.

Rosaceae (Rose family)

Brambles *continued*

Flowers and fruit

Flowers have five usually white petals; may be solitary or in clusters. Fruit are red or black berries with numerous seeds.

Reproduction

Seeds, rooting stems, root sprouts and rhizomes.

Raspberry leaf underside (left) and bramble stem with stiff prickles (right).



Raspberry leaf.

Rosaceae (Rose family)