

Japanese wineberry

Rubus phoenicolasius

Description

Introduced in the United States in 1890 as breeding stock for new *Rubus* cultivars (blackberries and raspberries). It is used today by berry breeders to add specific genes to berry varieties or species.

Habit

Perennial shrub with long arching stems (canes) up to 9 ft in length.

Leaves

Alternate, palmately compound, 3 heart-shaped serrated leaflets.

Stems

Arching, known as canes, grows up to 9 ft in length, Upright stems have red gland tipped hairs and small spines.

Flowers

Small, greenish in color with white petals and reddish hairs; blooms in late spring to early





summer.

Fruits and Seeds

Edible raspberry-like fruit, bright red to orange-red in color, multiple drupes and ripens in mid summer. Produces seeds as well.

Habitat

Native to Japan, Korea, and China. Found in forests, fields, streams and wetland edge habitats, open woods, savannas and prairie habitats.

Reproduction

By seeds, and through vegetative means including root buds and the sprouting of new plants from where canes touch the soil.

Similar

Red raspberry (*Rubus idaeus*), black raspberry (*Rubus occidentalis*) / (*Rubus leucodermis*) and blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus*).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Removal of plants by hand-pulling or use a 4-prong spading fork when the soil is moist. Branches and berries should be bagged but the remaining plant material can be left to compost. Sites can be burned or mowed. Also can be effectively controlled using any of several readily available general use herbicides such as glyphosate, triclopyr, or metsulfuron-methyl.

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