**Rubus allegheniensis**

**Common Blackberry**

Also called alleghany blackberry. Tough and adaptable; grows well in a variety of soils, and in sun or part-shade. Canes are green or purple, formidably prickly. White flowers in large conical clusters in June. Glossy red berries ripening to black, delicious. Fall foliage wine-red or purple. Transplants easily; fast-growing; suckers readily. Powdery mildew, rust, mosaic virus can be problems.

**Suggested companions:** virginia creeper (Parthenocissus quinquefolia) and showy goldenrod (Solidaga speciosa), little bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium), bee balm (Monarda fistulosa), black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia hirta)

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**Habitat:**
Woodland Margin
Open field/ Prairie

**Soil:**
Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Rich Moist
Clay

**Exposure:**
Sun filtered shade

**Flower Color:**
White

**Bloom Time:**
June

**Plant in:**

**Groundcover:**
No

**Other Attributes:**
Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Fall color
Edible fruit
Butterfly attracting
Deer resistant
Winter interest