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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 (*Solidago speciosa*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), bee balm (*Monarda fistulosa*), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

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Plant Type: Shrub
Size: 3-6' H
6-12' W

Water Tolerant: No

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