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Rubus occidentalis

Black Raspberry



Also called blackcap. A low, straggly, suckering shrub. Canes are purple with a white bloom, attractive in winter against the snow. Fruit, in July and August, is relished by birds, wildlife and humans. Tolerant of a variety of sites and soils; does well in partial shade. Typical of disturbed sites, old fields, forest margins. Grows well in the vicinity of black walnuts, unlike many plants. Susceptible to powdery mildew and systemic orange rust.

Suggested companions: fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*), gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*), oaks (*Quercus* sp.), hazelnut (*Corylus americana*), wild bergamot (*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:

Forested Upland
Woodland Margin
Open field/ Prairie

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Rich Moist

Exposure: sun
filtered
shade

Flower Color:
White

Bloom Time:
May
June

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Butterfly attracting
Wildlife attracting
Winter interest
Edible fruit
Deer resistant