PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus ursinus Cham. & Schltdl.

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES California blackberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Shoots, Leaves - tea

The fruit are eaten raw. they are also dried or made into pies, sauces, jellies and cakes.
The half ripe berries are soaked in water to make a drink.
The fresh or dried leaves are used for tea.
The young shoots are boiled and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It can be upright or lie along the ground. It can be a climber. It grows 50-90 cm high and spreads 0.9-3 m wide. The leaves have 3-5 leaflets. The are hairy above and like felt and white underneath. The male and female flowers are on separate plants. The flowers are white. The fruit is black and hairy.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 7-9. In Hobart Botanical gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seeds.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

PICTURES



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