# Weed Alert! Himalayan blackberry





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(Rubus armeniacus)

#### Mature Size Shoulder

## Description

- Prickly perennial shrub that can form impenetrable thickets up to 15 ft. tall
- White to pale pink flowers have 5 petals and are 1 in. wide
- Leaves of 5 leaflets (sometimes 3) with white undersides
- 5-angled stem with stout, curved thorns
- Fruits are blackberries that ripen from green to black, and are  $\sim \frac{1}{2}$  in. wide
- Reproduces by seed and by rooting at stem nodes
- Spread by birds or other animals
- Native to Europe

## Bloom Period Apr - Aug

Habitat Riparian, scrub, grassland, forest

## 2-Minute Removal Dig

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