

Rubus ursinus
California Blackberry

SHRUB/VINE

2–6' high, 6'+ spread. Mounding.
Spiny stems. Prickly leaves.
White rose-like flowers —
February to May.
Shiny black berries — very sweet
but difficult to gather.

Native habitat: near streams,
meadows, wet places, or
disturbed area below 3000'
— Oregon to Baja California.

Full sun to full shade.
Frost hardy.
Needs summer water.
Can naturalize in a moist habitat.

Rapid grower.
Good deer browse and bird habitat.
The boysenberry, loganberry and young-
berry are supposed to have been
developed from this species.



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