

California Blackberry

Rubus ursinus



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CA Native:	Yes; Western North America from British Columbia to Baja California
Plant Community:	Coastal Strand, Chaparral, Various Forests, Foothill Woodland, Valley Grassland, Riparian/Wetland, and others below 4,500'
Form:	Thicket-forming, shrubby, vine-like perennial
Size:	2' high x 10-20' wide/long
Light:	Full sun to light shade
Temperature:	Will survive below freezing
Water:	Low to medium water; Minimum 14" per year
WUCOLS:	1-2 (L); 3 (M); 4-6 (N/A)
Soil:	Adaptable; Tolerates clay; Does not like salinity
Flowers/Berries:	White flowers in early spring; Berries mid-late summer
Deer resistance:	No; Mule Deer like young stems and foliage
Fire resistance:	Some fire resistance
Wildlife value:	Provides habitat for beneficial insects; Birds eat berries
Uses/Comments:	Fast growing; Short-lived; Easy to grow; Berries delicious fresh or in recipes; Plant will root at nodes if in contact with soil – can become invasive; Useful in erosion control and habitat restoration; Plants are stress-deciduous; Good barrier plant