

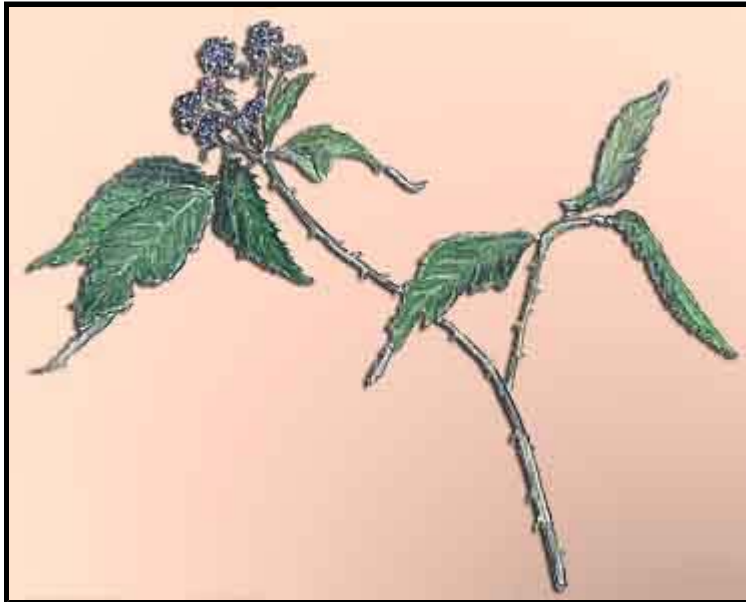
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Black Raspberry *(Rubus occidentalis)*



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Black Raspberry Cane

Black raspberries are among the best of the brambles, and the earliest to appear. Like other brambles, they're arching, thorny shrubs with palmate-compound leaves (leaf subdivisions originate from the same point).



Black Raspberry Cane in Flower

A waxy, blue green bloom you can rub off with your finger covers this sparsely thorny shrub. The three sharply double-toothed leaflets are white underneath.

The white to pink flowers appear in mid- to late spring, in flattish clusters of 3-7 individuals.



Black Raspberry Flower

The hollow ([blackberries](#) aren't hollow), purple, black faceted berries, which are 1/2 inch across, appear in early summer.



Black Raspberry

Look for these tasty berries in thickets from the East Coast to the Rockies, but not in the Deep South.



Black Raspberries

Of course, if black raspberries don't grown in your area, you can substitute your

local raspberries for black raspberries in recipes.

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