



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

It is an Emergent Invasive in Orange County



Flowering is from March to June. Female flowers, top above, have wide rounded petals. Male flowers, bottom above, have narrow elongated petals.

HIMALAYAN BLACKBERRY

Rubus armeniacus
(= *R. discolor*)

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Distribution map & info:

- calflora.org/cgi-bin/species_query.cgi?where-calreclnum=10319
- cal-ipc.org/ip/management/plant_profiles/Rubus_armeniacus.php

Can be confused with:

- California Blackberry, *Rubus ursinus*
- Poison Oak, *Toxicodendron diversiloba*



Himalayan Blackberry, an escaped ornamental, is a sprawling, robust viny shrub with stems to 10 ft. long, mounding to 6-8 ft. It grows in moist riparian woodlands & similar habitats, scrambling through & over other plants to form dense briar patches that smother everything growing underneath.





HIMALAYAN BLACKBERRY, P. 2



Stems are squarish in cross-section & have numerous large, stout prickles.



Most leaves are large, circular in outline, palmately compound, with 3 to 5 large, rounded to oblong, toothed leaflets.

Fruit, black when fully ripe, is edible. Seeds are spread by animals that eat the fruit.

IF YOU SEE THIS PLANT AT A SITE THAT'S NOT ON THE LIST:

- Record the plant's location as exactly as you can (GPS coordinates if possible), the date you saw it, and an estimate of how many there were. Include the site's landowner or manager, if known.
- Take identifying photos: the whole plant & its surroundings, closeups of leaves, flowers & fruits/pods.
- If you take a sample, place it immediately into a sealed bag.
- To avoid spreading the plant, check your clothing and shoes thoroughly before leaving the area, and remove and bag all traces of seeds.
- Report the find immediately to invasives@occnps.org.

