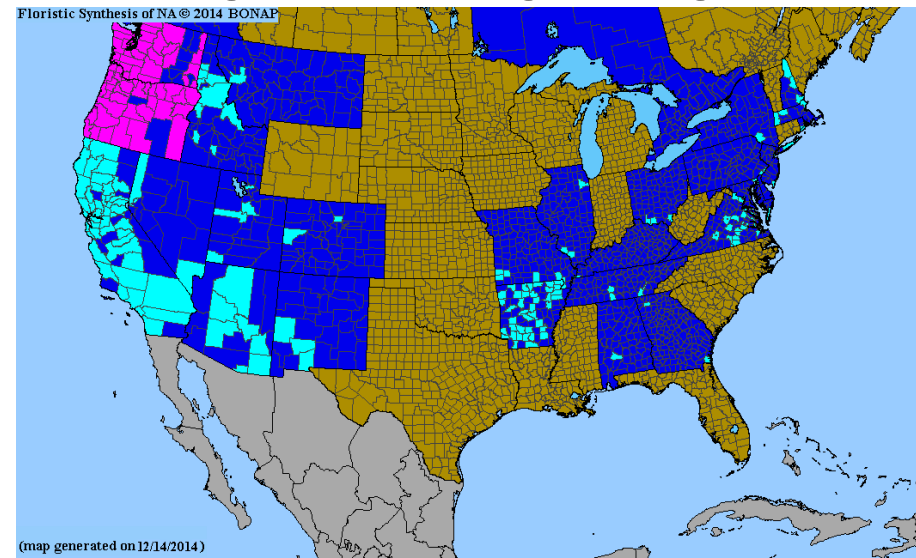


Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*)



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- Prickly, medium-sized shrub spreading by rhizomes and root-tipping stems; forms dense patches
- Habitats it invades:
 - Forests
 - Riparian areas
- Status
 - Wisconsin: Prohibited (not escaped here yet)
 - Not regulated in neighboring states





Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*)

Leaves alternate, palmately compound

- 2–6” long, composed of 3-5 leaflets
- Leaflet margins toothed
- Leaf undersides white and prickly
- Stems angular with large, hooked prickles



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Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*)

Flower/fruit



- Flowers are white to pinkish; June-Aug.
- Flowers are borne in upright clusters
- Fruit is a juicy blackberry.



Himalayan blackberry look alike

Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) resembles the numerous **native** blackberry species in Wisconsin.

Both Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) and native blackberries (*Rubus* spp.) have angular stems with stout prickles, leaves with 3-5 leaflets, and white petals. Himalayan blackberry differs most readily in its leaf undersides, **which are white**. All **native** blackberries have leaf undersides that are **green**.

Native raspberries (*Rubus* spp.) also have leaf undersides that are white, but they differ in having either waxy, bluish stems or stems covered in soft prickles. They also produce raspberry fruits, not blackberries.



Native blackberry leaf underside
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Stems of two different native raspberry species.