

# *Rubus* species look alike

Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) and wine raspberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*) are two invasive *Rubus* species among several native and cultivated *Rubus* species in Wisconsin.



**HIMALAYAN BLACKBERRY** has pinkish to white flowers. Like the native high-bush blackberry (*R. allegheniensis*), Himalayan blackberry has **large, angular stems with large spines**. Both have **hooked thorns on the midvein** on the underside of the leaf. **Leaves are white-silver underneath** (similar to raspberries), while native blackberry leaves are green on both sides.



**WINE RASPBERRY** has flowers with **sepals longer than the petals**, giving the appearance of being unopened. Sepals and stems are **covered in glandular reddish hairs**. Leaves with **woolly-white hairs on underside**. Native raspberries with glandular hairs have hairs not longer than the prickles.