

# Himalayan Blackberry

## Category 2: Eradicate

Limited distribution. High priority for reporting and eradication.

*Rubus discolor*

**Family:** Rosaceae (Rose)

**Other Scientific Names:** *Rubus procerus*, *R. fruticosus*, *R. armeniacus*.

**Other Common Names:** None.

**Origin:** Western Europe.

**Growth Form/Reproduction:** Perennial. Seeds and vegetatively from stolons.

**Identification:** An evergreen shrub that grows to 3 m tall. Leaves in groups of 3-5 leaflets. Forms thickets with stems 5 to 15 mm in diameter, erect to ascending. White flowers with petals in five. Berries edible and delicious (commonly picked).

**Legal Status Central Kootenay:** CCA.

**Habitat:** Well adapted to moist but not true wetland soils; tolerates a wide range of soil moisture conditions. Forms dense thickets along roadsides, fence lines, pastures, forest plantations, stream banks, riparian areas, and utility corridors.

**Status and Distribution:** Not listed in the Nelson Noxious Weed Plan in 1995. Isolated patches along lower Arrow Lake near Syringa Park. North and east shores of Kootenay Lake near Boswell. *See reverse for map of recorded locations.*

**Known Biogeoclimatic Zones:** IDFun, ICHdw1, ICHmw2

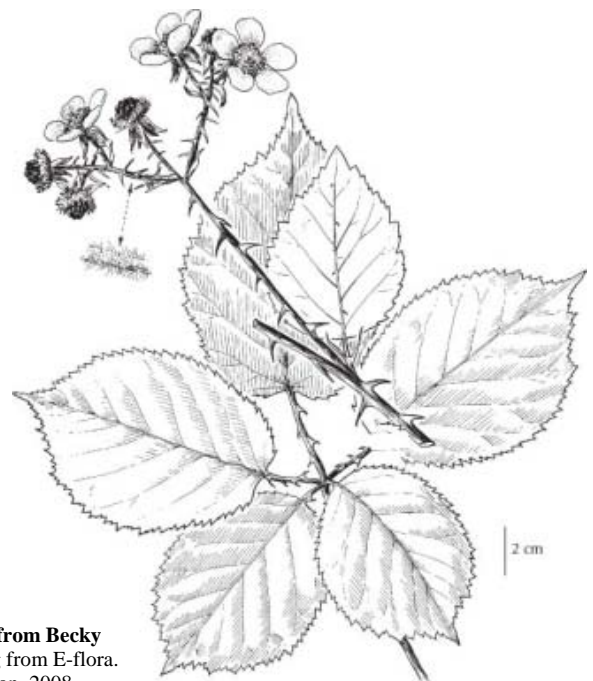
### Management Objectives for Central Kootenay:

- Inventory incomplete. Complete inventory records for infestations.
- Monitor for new infestations and eradicate where possible by cultural or chemical means but control is very difficult.
- Immediate eradication of new and small infestations should be a high priority.

### For More Information:

- [http://www.goert.ca/documents/Best\\_Practices\\_for\\_Blackberry\\_revised.pdf](http://www.goert.ca/documents/Best_Practices_for_Blackberry_revised.pdf)

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Central Kootenay Invasive Plant Committee  
*Infestations of  
Himalayan Blackberry  
in the Central Kootenay*

Inventory data is incomplete.  
Record and report sightings.

◆ Known locations of Himalayan Blackberry  
— Major Highway  
■ CKIPC Region



Scale : 1:1,000,000  
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