

Rubus pinnatus [简体中文](#) [正體中文](#)

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Magnoliopsida	Rosales	Rosaceae

Common name bramble (English), blackberry (English)

Synonym *Rubus kingaensis* , Engl.
Rubus madagascariensis , Gust.
Rubus madagascariensis , fo. *umbrosus* Gust.
Rubus pappei , Eckl. & Zeyh.
Rubus pinnatus , subsp. *afrotropicus* Engl.
Rubus pinnatus , var. *afrotropicus* Gust.
Rubus pinnatus , var. *defensus* Gust.
Rubus pinnatus , var. *mutatus* Gust.
Rubus pinnatus , var. *subglandulosus* R. A. Grah.
Rubus roridus , Lindl.
Rubus rosifolius , Sm.

Similar species

Summary *Rubus pinnatus* is reported as being exceedingly common on the island of St Helena everywhere above an elevation of 1500 feet.



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Species Description

Rubus pinnatus a shrubby plant is described as follows: "Leaves pinnate, leaflets five or seven, rarely three ovate-cordate lucid, strongly veined, doubly serrate. Panicles terminate. Stems, branches, petioles and peduncles armed ; tender shoots villous and hoary. Stem scarce, and what there is grows to be as thick as a man's leg sometimes. Branches numerous, very long and scandent, when their apices rest on the ground they strike root and produce other plants as in the other species of this genus. The young shoots glaucous and downy, the bark of the old dark brown ; all are well armed with numerous recurved prickles. Leaves alternate, pinnate 6-12 inches long, leaflets ovate and ovate-cordate, smooth doubly serrate. Petioles and ribs armed. Stipules petiolar, ensiform. Panicles terminal, with their peduncles and sub-divisions armed and downy. Bracts like the stipules. Calyx segments lanceolate, nearly twice the length of the ovate, pink petals, and they are rather longer than the stamens and styles. Berries in shape, size and colour very like those of the common bramble, but scarcely so palatable" (Jackson 1905)

Habitat Description

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General Impacts

Rubus pinnatus is recognised as a weed (Global Compendium of Weeds 2007).

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ALIEN RANGE

[1] AUSTRALIA

[2] SAINT HELENA

Red List assessed species 1: EW = 1;

[Trochetiopsis erythroxylon](#) EW

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