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Rubus laciniatus

[Synonyms : *Rubus vulgaris* var. *laciniatus*]

CUT-LEAVED BRAMBLE is a prickly semi-evergreen shrub. Native to Europe it has small pale pink or white flowers.

It is also known as Cut-leaf blackberry, Cut-leaved blackberry, Evergreen blackberry, Fern-leaved bramble, *Flikbjörnbär* (Swedish), *Geschlitzblättriger Brombeerstrauch* (German), Oregon evergreen blackberry, *Ostružina* (Slovak), *Ostružiník dřípený* (Czech), Parsley-leaved bramble, and *Schlitzblättrige Brombeere* (German).

This is a parent of some cultivated varieties of garden blackberries.

Laciniatus is derived from Latin *lacer* (torn, mangled) meaning ‘fringed or very deeply cut, torn or slashed into narrow divisions’.

Authorities suspect that cut-leaved bramble arrived in North America by a convoluted route. It is believed that it was first introduced from England to somewhere in the South Pacific (often referred to as the ‘South Sea Islands’) and from there was brought to Oregon in the Pacific north-west.

A few North American Indian tribes seem to have eaten the fruit (raw or cooked) including the Hoh, Quileute and Makah. The Makah tribe used the berries to make jam, and both the Hoh and Quileute tribes preserved harvested fruit for future use.