White-Stemmed Bramble

Rubus cockburnianus

Height: 9 feet

Spread: 9 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A unique selection with interesting arching, silvery-white spiny stems that add tremendous winter interest; pruning is recommended on a yearly or bi-yearly basis to promote upright habit; ornamental small purple-black fruits are unpalatable

Ornamental Features

White-Stemmed Bramble has shell pink star-shaped flowers from late spring to early summer. It has green deciduous foliage. The fuzzy oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The spiny bark and white branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

White-Stemmed Bramble is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering
- Disease
- Spiny



White-Stemmed Bramble foliage
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White-Stemmed Bramble is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

White-Stemmed Bramble will grow to be about 9 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 9 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.