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BLACKBERRY

aka Bly, Brombere (Ger), Bramble, Brambleberry, Bramble-kite, Brameberry, Brombeere, Brummel, Brymbyl, Bumble-kite,

Cloudberry, Dewberry, Fingerberry, Goutberry, Piao (Chin), Scaldhead, Thimbleberry

Rosaceae

Rubus villosus (Amer) and Rubus fruticosus (Eur)

Image

Blackberries (notably R. fruticosus) are subject to legal control as a weed in parts of Australia and in some other countries.

CONTAINS:

Leaves and roots contain tannins (tannic acid from root can be obtained by boiling water or dilute alcohol), and flavonoids. Root also contains villosin.

Fruits contain Vitamin C, Vitamin A, malic and isocitric acids, monoglycoside of cyanidin, sugars, albumin, and pectin.

Culpeper: It is a plant of Venus in Aries...If any ask the reason why Venus is so prickly? Tell them 'tis because she is in the house of Mars.

This member of the rose family is part of a large genus worldwide consisting of raspberries, dewberries, thimbleberries, etc. Most are used in a similar manner. Blackberries have provided food for man since ancient times which is attested to by fossil evidence. Flowers and fruit can often be seen on the same plant at the same time.

Trailing, perennial plants found in dry or sandy soil. Canes heavily studded with stout, recurved prickles; leaves ovate, double serrate, pinnate with 3 to 5 leaflets; flowers white with 5 petals. R. fruticosus has a relaxed calyx.

Was mentioned by Aeschylus (ca.525-456 BC) and Hippocrates (ca.460-357 BC).

At one time, it not only had a reputation as a medicinal, but also as a charm against various illnesses.

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The dried bark was official in the USP from 1820 to 1916 and in the NF from 1916 to 1936 as an astringent tonic. Berries were official in the NF from 1916 to 1926 as a flavoring agent in syrups. PROPAGATION: Spreads easily enough on its own, but can be propagated by seed, softwood cuttings in summer, leaf bud cuttings in late summer, hardwood cuttings in winter, division in early spring or autumn; root cuttings 1/2 inch long are taken in autumn and stored in sand over winter at about 50°F, then in early spring the cuttings are set vertically into the soil and covered with 3 to 4 inches of soil (or the branches can be layered in late summer when the cane tips are slightly thickened and grow without leaves). *R. fruticosus* can be tip layered in summer and can also be trained against a wall. NEEDS: Moist, well-drained soil in sun to part shade. The roots are long-lived, throwing up canes the first year which do not yield fruit until the second year. Once they have given up their fruit, they are done and should be removed. In spring, prune lightly. Susceptible to aphids, crown gall, cane blight, Botrytis and viral diseases.

HARVEST: Leaves are taken either before plant flowers or during flowering, then dried; roots are lifted in summer and dried (root bark is taken at the same time); berries are taken when ripe and used fresh or dried; young shoots are also harvested for some uses in spring..

SOLVENT: Water, alcohol

FLOWERS: June to September

RELATED SPECIES:

CREeping BLACKBERRY (*R. procumbens*): Was used by Native Americans for diarrhea and dysentery.

THORNLESS (or Low) BLACKBERRY (*R. canadensis*): Fruit was eaten by the Iroquois and Kansas Indians.

PURPLE-FLOWERING RASPBERRY (*R. odoratus*): Was being investigated in 1977 as a possible cancer therapeutic agent.

R. ALLEGHANIENSIS (syn. *R. villosus* var *montanus*): Prickles straight, not hooked, and with a range from eastern Canada south to Missouri, Tennessee, and North Carolina, found in thickets and clearings. The Menominees and Prairie Potawatomis used an infusion of the root as an eyewash for sore eyes; also as a poultice. The Meskwaki boiled the root and used the decoction as an antidote to poison.

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An Overview of the Blackberry

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Unless you have spent part of the past few years in a cave or under a rock, you have heard of the Blackberry. However, and with that said, even though you may have heard of the Blackberry, you may now know exactly what a Blackberry is in essence. Therefore, this article has been prepared to provide you with some basic information about the Blackberry.

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In basic terms, a Blackberry is a line of mobile communication devices that allow you to undertake a number of different tasks through the use of the Blackberry itself. For example, a Blackberry is designed to allow you to read and respond to email. On top of reviewing, reading and sending email, there are many other functions that can be performed with a Blackberry. Indeed, on so many levels, the Blackberry truly is an all purpose piece of personal communications equipment.

In promoting the Blackberry, its manufacturer has described the Blackberry as a "complete package" that includes airtime, software and a mobile communication element that allows you to undertake a wide variety of tasks — from the palm of your own hand. Presently, the Blackberry widely is available in the United States, Canada and United Kingdom. Present plans are in place for the Blackberry to be introduced in other countries the world over in the very immediate future.

Technically speaking, the Blackberry in the United States and Canada relies on either the narrowband PCS 800 MHz DataTAC network or the narrowband OCS 900 MHz Mobitex network for its functionality. In the United Kingdom, the Blackberry operates on the the GPRS network.

Many who have taken to the Blackberry have sung its praises because it is easy to use. It has a very user friendly interface and an easy to manipulate keyboard (unlike many similar products that have tragically difficult keyboards). With few exceptions, a person who tries a Blackberry ends up very fond of the Blackberry. Oftentimes a person who has a Blackberry can be found to remark that he or she cannot imagine getting by without a Blackberry.

If you are interested in owning a Blackberry, you should spend some time shopping around in both the brick and mortar world and on the Internet and World Wide Web. In this day and age, there is a wide array of different retailers that offer Blackberry products for sale both in the real world and in cyberspace. By taking the time to shop around, you may even be able to find a Blackberry at a discounted price.

On the Net, there are retailers that cater specifically to the selling of Blackberry products. In addition, any number of auction and overstock sites may be found to have Blackberry products in their inventories.

In the brick and mortar world, a Blackberry can be found at any number of consumer electronic stores — large and small. By paying attention to sales and specials, you may even have the chance to obtain a Blackberry at a discounted price in the brick and mortar world.

More information on the

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