



Thimbleberry

Rubus parviflorus

Characteristics

Erect shrub grows 1-8 feet tall. Gray flaking bark. Forms dense thickets with an extensive network of rhizomes. Leaves deciduous, maple-shaped, and toothed with fine fuzz on both sides.

Flowers/Fruit

Showy clustered large white flowers (up to 1.5 inches) in early spring. Clusters of red dome-shaped berries in summer.

Habitat Value

Form dense thickets that provide cover for wildlife. Birds, Douglas Squirrel, and Townsend's Chipmunks enjoy the fruit. Look for Pacific Wren and Fox Sparrow in and amongst Thimbleberry thickets.

Home Garden Applications

Grows well in most soil. Moderately shade-tolerant. Aggressive growth with tendency to crowd out other plants.