



**KEY
CHARACTERISTICS**

growth

Robust, clambering or sprawling, evergreen shrub which grows up to 9.8 feet in height, 20-40 ft long.

flower

Large terminal cluster of 3-20 flowers; stems are wooly haired and prickly. Broad petals, white or rose colored, 2-2.5 cm across. Sepals broad, wooly, pointed and soon reflexed, approx. 7-8 mm.

leaves

Pinnately to palmately compound, with three to five broad leaflets. Mature leaves green and glaucous above but wooly haired beneath.

stems

Sterile first-year stems, (primocanes), develop from buds at or below the ground surface and bear only leaves. These leaves are 5-foliolate, with hooked prickles on the stems. Second year, floricanes branches, develop in axils and produce leaves and flow-

fruit

ers. Very strongly angled and furrowed, bearing well-spaced, heavy, broad-based, straight or somewhat curved prickles 6-10 mm long.

Leaflets abruptly narrowed at the apex and coarsely toothed. Floricane leaflets are 3-5 foliolate and smaller than on the primocanes.

Ripe fruit are soft, shiny black, up to 2 cm long and composed of large succulent drupelets.



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flower color

Elevation:
Up to 5900 feet

Ecotypes Invaded:
Riparian areas.

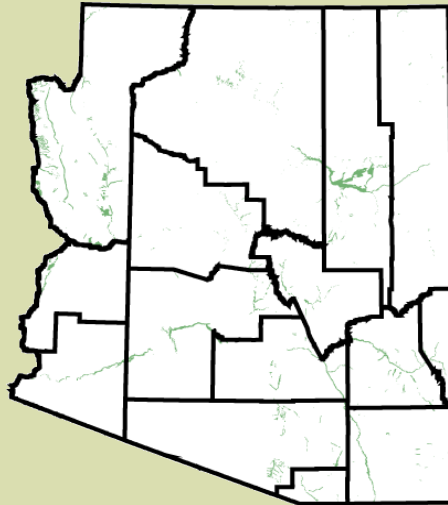
ECOLOGY & DISTRIBUTION

Trailing stems will set down roots at the nodes soon developing into dense thickets. These block sunlight, creating thick litter layers and using available water resources thereby negatively affecting native plant communities.

Prefers open disturbed sites that receive plenty of sunshine, especially during germination. Reproduces both sexually and vegetatively.



SUITABLE HABITAT



Suitable habitat based on the Arizona Wildlands Invasive Plant Working Group (AZ-WIPWG) assessment. Green = suitable habitat; White = unsuitable habitat; Gray = unknown. Based on Brown, Lowe & Puse (1980) vegetation communities.

