Brambles
(blackberries, dewberries, raspberries, etc.)
*Rubus* spp.

**Life cycle**
Woody perennials.

**Leaves**
Alternate, typically compound with three to seven leaflets with toothed margins. Undersides of leaves are white to green.

**Stems**
Arching/trailing stems that root when in contact with the ground to form thickets. Stems have fine bristles or stiff prickles.
**Brambles continued**

**Flowers and fruit**
Flowers have five usually white petals; may be solitary or in clusters. Fruit are red or black berries with numerous seeds.

**Reproduction**
Seeds, rooting stems, root sprouts and rhizomes.

Raspberry leaf underside (left) and bramble stem with stiff prickles (right).