

## 2019 March *Guess that Plant*



*Rubus phoenicolasius* Maxim; Wineberry

The March *Guess that Plant* is a non-native plant that is both a delicious berry, and an invasive problem plant. Wineberry is a member of the blackberry and raspberry genus, *Rubus*. This species is native to Far East Asia and has been introduced to both Europe and North America. It has become an invasive species in Northern New Jersey, where it occupies many acres with Japanese barberry and Oriental bittersweet. This is not the case in the southern counties, where it exists as an early succession shrub. The canes produce prolific quantities of large red raspberries that are very palatable.

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