

Preface

Rubus is a large and diverse genus of flowering plants in the rose family, Rosaceae, subfamily Rosoideae, most commonly known as brambles. Fruits of various species are known as raspberries, blackberries, dewberries, cloudberrries, and bristleberries. It is a diverse genus, and estimates of the number of Rubus species vary from 250 to over 1,000, found across all continents except Antarctica. Most of these plants have woody stems with prickles like roses; spines, bristles, and gland-tipped hairs are also common in the genus. The Rubus fruit, sometimes called a bramble fruit, is an aggregate of drupelets. The term "cane fruit" or "cane berry" applies to any Rubus species or hybrid, which is commonly grown with supports such as wires or canes, including raspberries, blackberries, and hybrids such as loganberry, boysenberry, marionberry, and tayberry. The stems of such plants are also referred to as canes.¹

In the present book, ten typical literatures about rubus published on international authoritative journals were selected to introduce the worldwide newest progress, which contains reviews or original researches on rubus. We hope this book can demonstrate advances in rubus as well as give references to the researchers, students and other related people.

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¹ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rubus>