

Rubus niveus

Hill raspberry, Mysore raspberry

Rubus niveus Thunb.

Family: Rosaceae

Description: Prickly shrub with long canes, to 7 ft, hairy when young, smooth when older, white. Leaves pinnate, 5–9 leaflets, each 2.4 inches long by 1.2 inches wide, terminal leaflet broader and sometimes lobed on one side, upper surface smooth, lower surface white, hairy, leaf stems prickly. Flowers in terminal panicles, petals lavender. Fruit dark red maturing to black, 0.4 inches long, white hairs. *Niveus*, white, for white stems^(5, 70).

Distribution: Native to India, SE Asia to Indonesia and the Philippines. Occurs in Kula on Maui and Volcano, South Kona, and Humu‘ula on Hawai‘i⁽⁷⁰⁾. A few plants were found and treated at Kōke‘e on Kaua‘i.

Environmental impact: Smothers smaller plants and impedes passage.

Management: Sensitive to drizzle application of triclopyr ester in a crop oil carrier at 1 lb/acre, and to very-low-volume basal bark applications of triclopyr ester at 15% product in a crop oil carrier. Reportedly tolerant of triclopyr with water as the carrier (Glenn Shishido, DOFAW).

