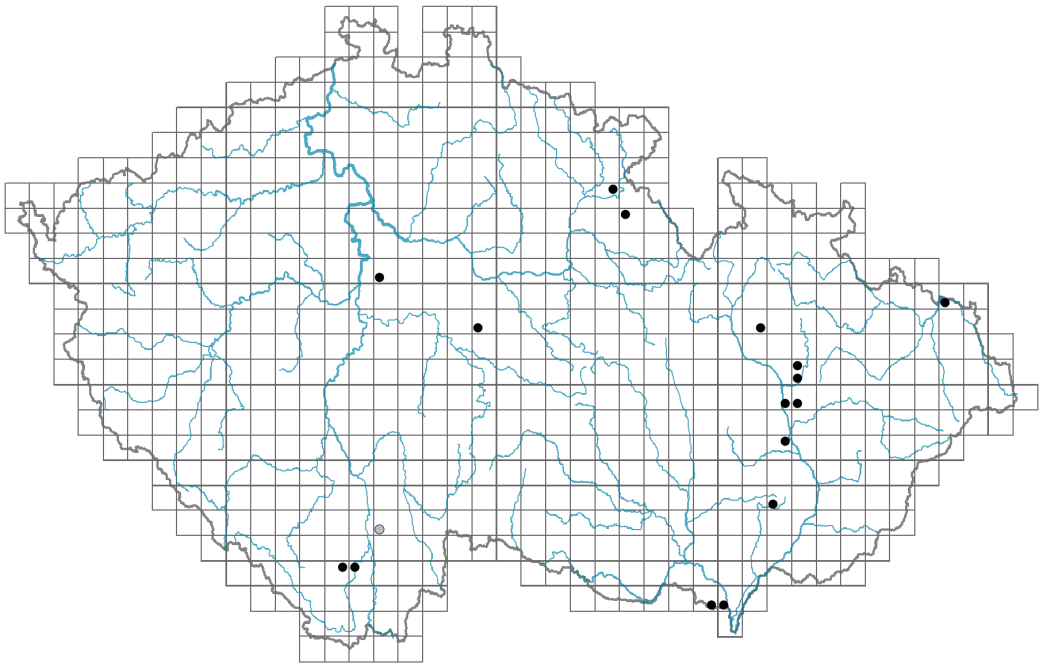
Rubus occidentalis

Distribution



Habitus and growth type

Height [m]: **1–1.8**
Life form: **nanophanerophyte**
Life strategy (Pierce method based on leaf traits): **CSR**
Life strategy (Pierce method, C-score): **30.9 %**
Life strategy (Pierce method, S-score): **42.3 %**
Life strategy (Pierce method, R-score): **26.8 %**

Leaf

Leaf presence and metamorphosis: **leaves present, not modified**
Leaf arrangement (phyllotaxis): **alternate**
Leaf shape: **compound – ternate**
Stipules: **present**
Petiole: **present**

Flower

Flowering period [month]: **May–June**
Flower colour: **white**
Flower symmetry: **actinomorphic**
Perianth type: **calyx and corolla**
Perianth fusion: **free**

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Calyx fusion: **aposepalous**
Inflorescence type: **corymbus**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Fruit type: **fleshy fruit – head of one-seeded drupes**
Myrmecochory: **non-myrmecochorous (b)**

Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotrophic**
Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**
Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **no nitrogen-fixing symbionts**

Taxon origin

Origin in the Czech Republic: **neophyte**
Invasion status: **casual**
Geographic origin: **North America**
Year of the first record in the wild: **1997**
Period of introduction: **Recent Past (1950–2000)**
Introduction pathway: **intentional – crops**

Habitat and sociology

Affinity to the forest environment

Affinity to the forest environment in Thermophyticum: **0 – taxon that does not spontaneously occur in Czech forests**
Affinity to the forest environment in Mesophyticum and Oreophyticum: **0 – taxon that does not spontaneously occur in Czech forests**

Threats and protection

Red List 2017 (national categories): **taxon is not on the Red List**
Red List 2017 (IUCN categories): **LC(NA) – least concern (taxon is not on the Red List)**
Legal protection: **not protected by law**

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