ROSACEAE

Rubus parviflorus Nutt.
Rupa
western thimbleberry

FORM: Erect, low to medium, unarmed shrub, 5-20dm (2-7ft) tall.

STEMS: Young stems glandular, hairy; older stems with grey flaking bark.

BUDS: Large, reddish-brown, ragged appearance (1).

LEAVES: Alternate, deciduous, simple, dark green, doubly serrate, palmately 5-lobed, maple-like leaves with long petioles, 6-15cm (2-6in) long; soft to touch.

FLOWERS: 2-9 large, white, regular flowers in loose, flat-topped terminal clusters; May-July.

FRUIT: Edible, red, hairy, juicy, thimble-like aggregate of drupelets.

SIMILAR SPECIES: *Oplopanax horridum*, p. 51, armed.