



Blackberry plant life cycle

Let's learn about the life cycle of the Blackberry, a Weed of National Significance found across much of Australia. Like other flowering plants, weeds can propagate by seeds. Weeds can also reproduce in other ways.

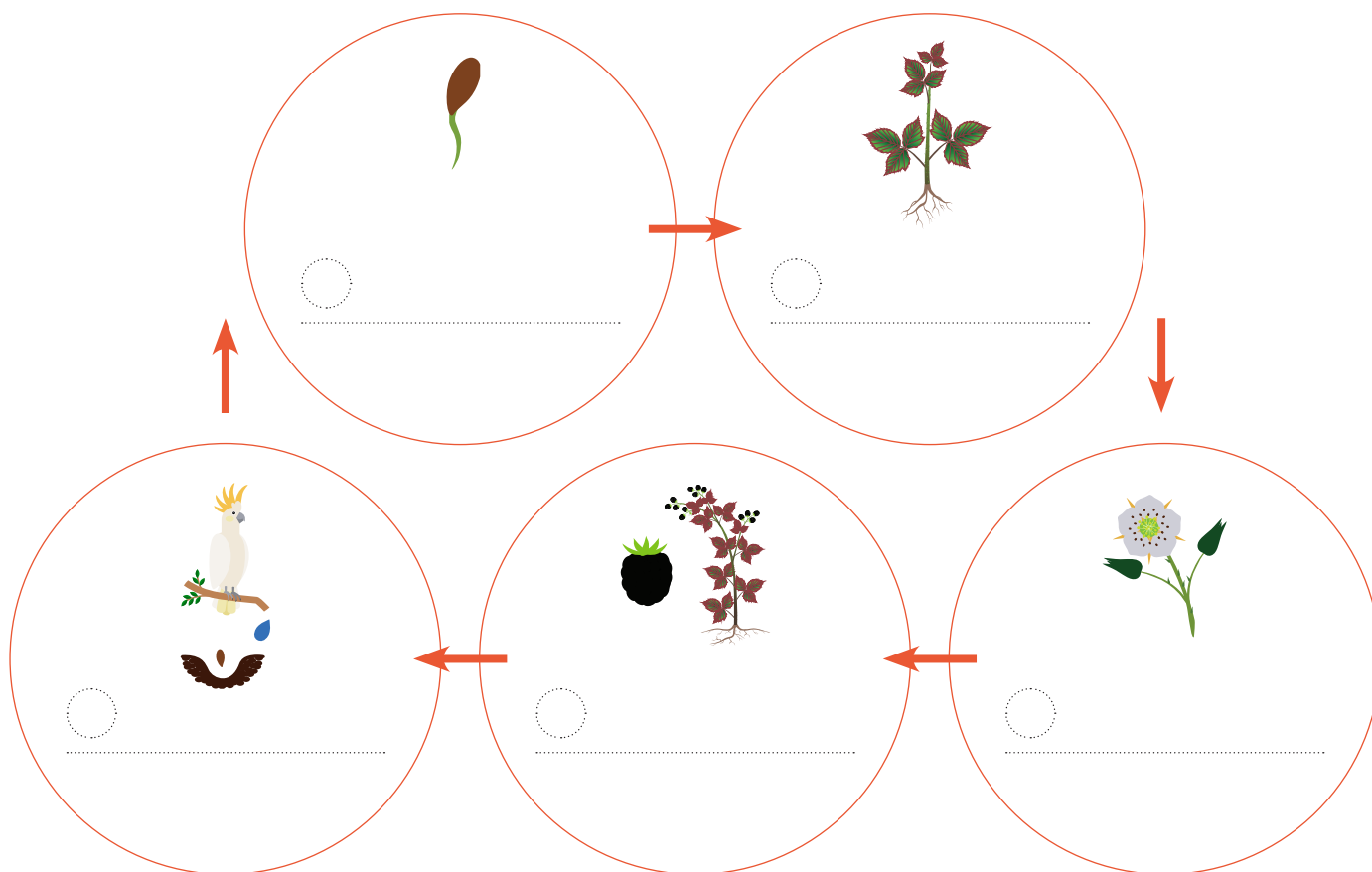
Life cycle stage		Description
1	Germination	Once the seed falls on the ground and receives warmth and water, it germinates and grows its first leaves and roots.
2	Young plant	The plant starts to grow leaves and a stem.
3	Flower	Later on, the adult plant produces flowers.
4	Fruit	The flower is fertilised and juicy fruits are formed.
5	Dispersal spreading seeds	The juicy edible fruits contain numerous seeds. Blackberry can be dispersed (spread) by wind, animals or by water, and then the cycle starts again.





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Identify the life cycle stages in the diagram below by using the information above to number them in order.

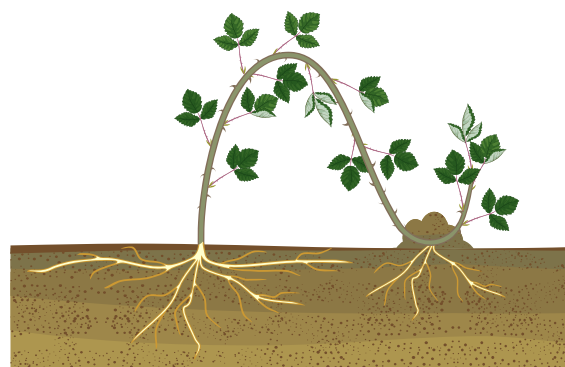


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Leafy stem reproduction - daughter plants

Blackberries can also reproduce by creating daughter plants. Sometimes when the plant is young, stems touch the ground and can easily transform into new plants with their own root systems.

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Why do you think the blackberry is a successful weed?

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