

# Bramble

## Habitat Hero



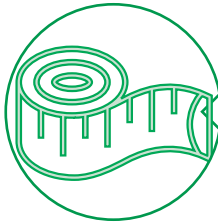
**Common Name:** Bramble or Blackberry  
**Irish Name:** Dris  
**Scientific Name:** *Rubus fruticosus*

### Seen in Ireland:

Year Round

Flower: May – September

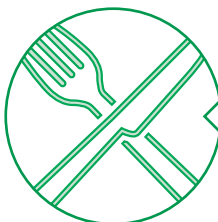
Fruit: August - October



**Size:** Brambles can grow 1.8-2.5m in length.



**Habitat (where it lives):** Bramble make up a large part of our hedgerows in Ireland. It grows in unused land, laneways and ditches. It can be found anywhere really; fields, woodlands, gardens and on the side of the road.

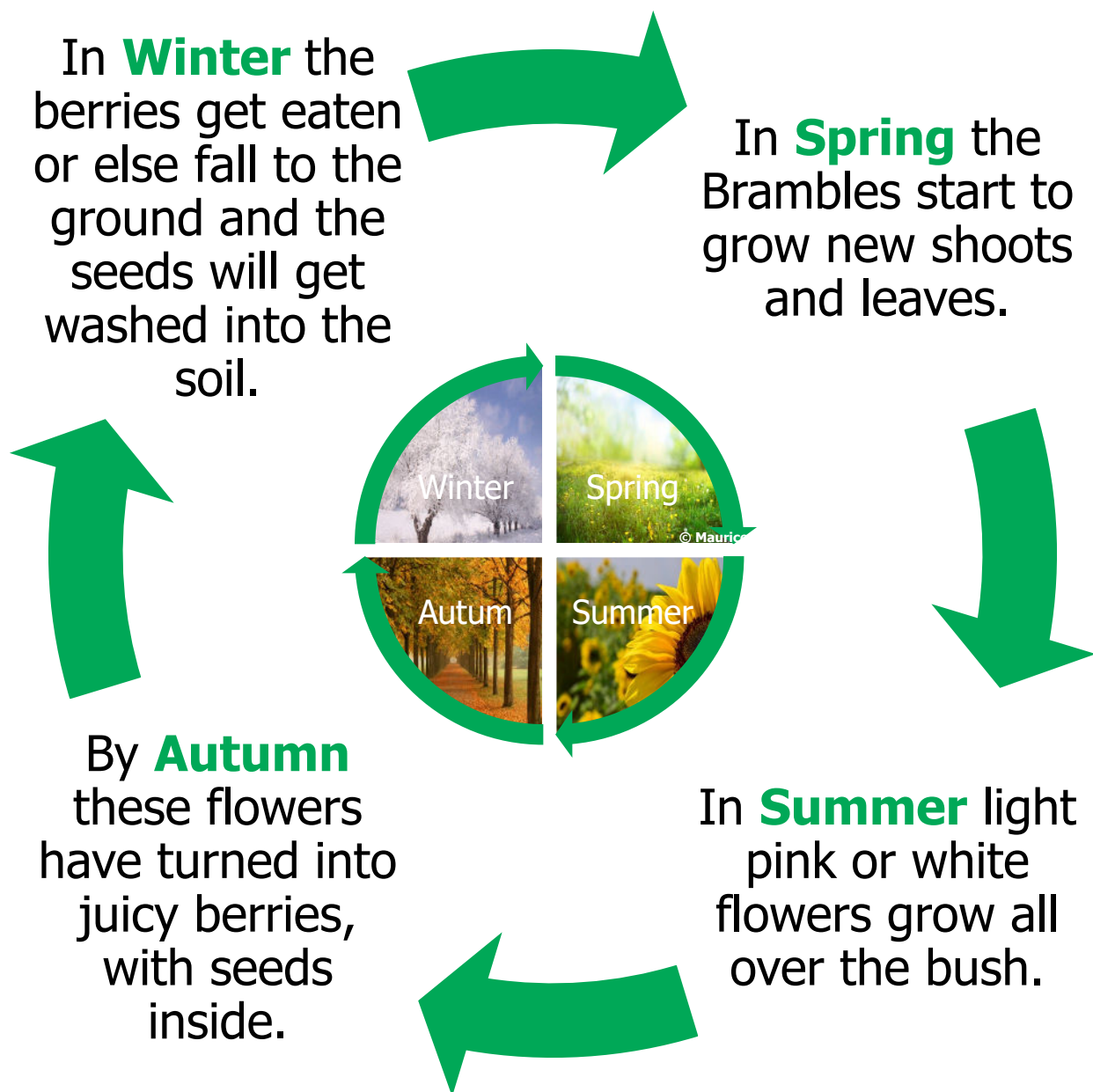


**Diet:** Brambles need soil, water and air, so they can turn sunlight into food and energy to grow.



**Life:** The roots can live for many years, sending up a new crop of shoots each year. These shoots live for 2 years.

# Bramble Life Cycle



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## Some more Facts:

- Bramble stems grow in the shape of arches and are covered with sharp thorns.
- They can create a new root into the ground when they touch it.
- Flowers are pink or white.
- The leaves have three or five lobes.
- They produce blackberries.
- Blackberries are eaten by many birds and mammals, who help to spread the plant's tiny seeds (that are hidden inside the berries and are spread in the animal's poo!).
- Blackberries are delicious and are packed full of Vitamin C !
- The plant also provides a really important source of nectar (a sugary drink found inside the flowers) for bees and other hungry pollinators.
- Do not touch the thorns; they can cause an infection if they stick in your skin; maybe wear gloves if you go blackberry-picking!
- Also, the juice from the fruit is a strong dye so don't get it on your clothes!

