



# Thimbleberry

*Rubus parviflorus*

Rose Family (*Rosaceae*)

**General Description:** A small, thicket-forming shrub, 3 to 10 feet. Bark is smooth, with inconspicuous lenticels. Twigs are dull tan, reddish when wet, and inner bark is rust-brown.

**Key Characteristics:** Alternately arranged buds, 1/4" long, narrowly oval with soft white hairs at the tips. Blackened, shriveled leaf stalk, messy leaf scar.

**Confused With:** Young salmonberry, can be confused with thimbleberry, but thimbleberry buds tend to be "plumper" and have more pubescence. Can be confused with young western hazel.

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