



## *Rubus squarrosus*

### **Common Name(s):**

Leafless lawyer, yellow-prickled lawyer

### **Current Threat Status (2012):**

Not Threatened

### **Distribution:**

Endemic. New Zealand: North and South Islands, from Ahipara south (scarce north of the Manawatu) and with the exception of Northland mainly easterly.

### **Habitat:**

Coastal to montane. Usually in open areas, particularly in dune-field, grey scrub and other shrubland; open forest, river beds, cliff faces, or on talus and boulder slopes.

### **Flowering:**

October - December

### **Fruiting:**

February - March

### **Threats:**

Not Threatened but often local and uncommon over large parts of its potential range. Some northern populations are very vulnerable to habitat destruction

### **\*Attribution:**

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### **References and further reading:**

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### **For more information, visit:**

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=1267](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=1267)



**Caption:** *Rubus squarrosus* flowers, Tairaroa Head

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**Caption:** Kaitorete Spit, Canterbury

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