

Flowering currant

Ribes sanguineum



Identification

- Deciduous shrub growing to about 2 m
- Clusters of pale pink to red flowers in spring
- 6 mm blue-black berries with a white bloom
- Leaves are 4–8 cm diameter and divided into three or five lobes
- Sweet-smelling



Flowering currant Photo: C. Howell (DOC)



Fruit Photo: DOC Weed Manager

Where is it found?

It grows in open areas and in disturbed forest, particularly along stream banks, forest margins and clearings.

Why is it a problem?

Flowering currant forms dense thickets, crowding out lower growing species. Its berries are spread by birds.

Control

Where possible pull or grub to remove. Cutting and treating the cut stump with herbicide may be necessary to remove difficult plants. Use all herbicides in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and ensure no herbicide comes into contact with other plants, the soil or waterways.



Flower Photo: Plant Protection Society