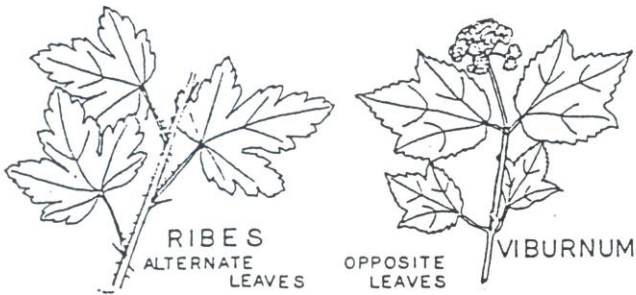


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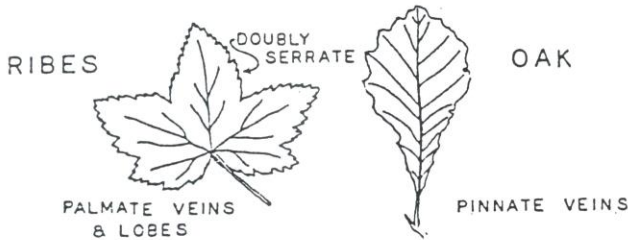
What Ribes Look Like

Some characteristics that separate ribes from other plants are presented below because this information is not readily available elsewhere.

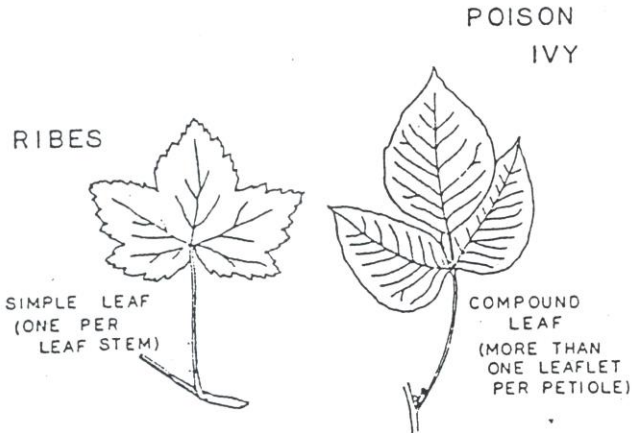
Ribes (gooseberries and currants) are shrubs up to 10 feet tall. Many kinds are thorny or prickly. Ribes leaves are always alternate on the stem; some look-alikes, such as maple, have opposite leaves.



Ribes leaves are palmately veined, palmately lobed, and have saw-toothed edges.

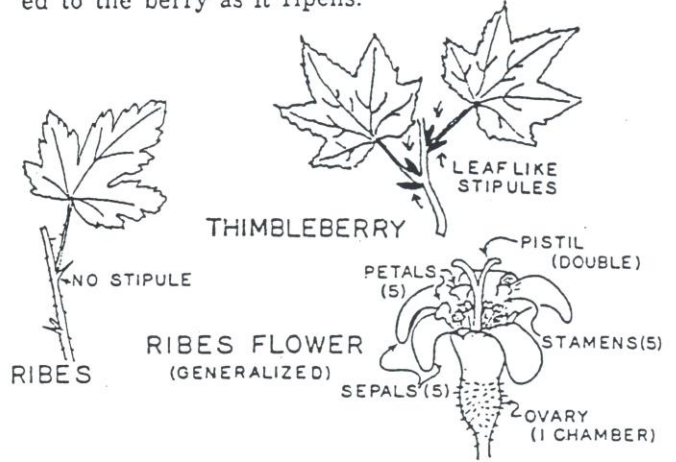


Ribes leaves always have one leaf on a leaf stem, unlike roses or raspberries which have many.

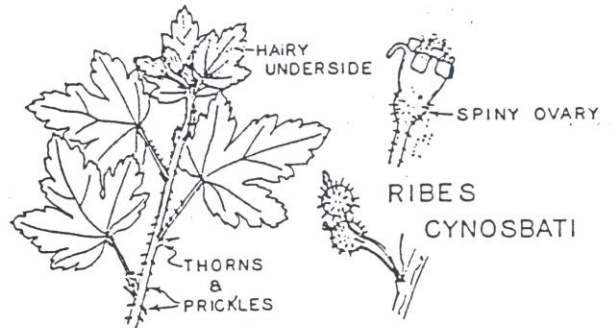


Ribes never have little leaf-like growths (stipules) at the base of the leaf stem as do the thimbleberry and ninebark which look much like ribes.

Ribes flowers have five petals, five sepals, five stamens, and a one-chambered ovary with a double style. The withered flowers remain attached to the berry as it ripens.



A typical gooseberry is *Ribes cynosbati*.



A typical currant is *Ribes americanum*.

