

GROSSULARIACEAE – CURRANT FAMILY

Plant: mostly woody shrubs

Stem: woody, with or without spines

Root:

Leaves: deciduous, simple, entire to toothed, alternate; stipules on petiole or absent

Flowers: usually in racemes; 4-5 sepals, 4-5 petals (often scale-like), cyclic; 4-5 stamens; ovary inferior, 2 carpels, 2 styles, 2 stigmas

Fruit: usually a berry, may be oily

Other: currants and gooseberries locally, some ornamental; Dicotyledons Group

Genera: 2-12+(?) genera; locally *Ribes* (currant)

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American Black Currant; *Ribes americanum* P. Mill.

Golden [Buffalo] Currant; *Ribes aureum* Pursh var. *villosum* DC. (Introduced?)

Eastern Prickly Gooseberry [Dogberry]; *Ribes cynosbati* L.

Smooth [Hairystem] Gooseberry; *Ribes hirtellum* Michx.

Missouri Gooseberry; *Ribes missouriense* Nutt.

Gooseberry [Mountain] Currant; *Ribes montigenum* McClatchie

American Black Currant

Ribes americanum P. Mill.

Grossulariaceae (Currant Family)

Maumee Bay State Park, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: shrub; 5-petaled flower, yellow to greenish-yellow, tubular calyx, in racemes; leaves alternate, long petioles, strongly 3-lobed, numerous teeth, with yellow resin dots beneath; stem with no spines or prickles; fruit black and smooth; spring

[V Max Brown, 2007]



Golden [Buffalo] Currant

Ribes aureum Pursh var. *villosum* DC. (Introduced?)

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Oak Openings Metropark, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: shrub; 5-lobed flower, yellow, tubular; leaves alternate, 3-5 lobbed and often toothed, usually hairy along margins and on veins, often resin dotted; stem with no spines or prickles; fruit black, small and smooth; spring

[V Max Brown, 2008]



Eastern Prickly Gooseberry [Dogberry]

Ribes cynosbati L.

Grossulariaceae (Currant Family)

Pokagon State Park, Steuben County, Indiana

Notes: shrub; 5-petaled flower, green to greenish-yellow, solitary or in clusters of 2-5; leaves alternate with rounded lobes, hairy or not; stem with nodal spines, between nodes with or without prickles; fruit mostly with prickles, mostly glabrous; varieties present; spring

[V Max Brown, 2007]



Smooth [Hairystem] Gooseberry

Ribes hirtellum Michx.

Grossulariaceae (Currant Family)

Goll Woods Nature Preserve, Fulton County, Ohio

Notes: shrub; 5-petaled flower, green to greenish-yellow, solitary or in clusters of 2-5; leaves alternate with rounded lobes, pubescent or not; stem with nodal spines, between nodes with or without prickles; fruit mostly smooth; varieties present; spring (ID tentative)

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Missouri Gooseberry

Ribes missouriense Nutt.
Grossulariaceae (Currant Family)
Busiek State Forest and Wildlife

Area, Christian County, Missouri

Notes: small shrub; 5-petaled flower, green to greenish-white, pendant, solitary or in clusters; leaves alternate with rounded lobes, on long petioles; stem with nodal spines (1-3), prickles between nodes; fruit a small green to purple berry; spring

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Gooseberry [Mountain] Currant

Ribes montigenum McClatchie

Grossulariaceae (Currant Family)

Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado

Notes: shrub; 5-petaled flower, yellowish with red spots, solitary or in small clusters; leaves alternate with rounded lobes (with crenate teeth), glandular hairy; stem with abundant spines and prickles; fruit a red berry, foothills to alpine environments; summer

[V Max Brown, 2012]

