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THE GENUS *RUBUS* (ROSACEAE) IN POLAND

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Abstract: Results of studies on the taxonomy and distribution of the genus *Rubus* L. in Poland are presented. Eighty eight species occurring in Poland have been described, illustrated and mapped. Six lectotypes and three neotypes have been designated. Ten species have been found for the first time in Poland. Eight species [*R. capitulatus* Utsch in Baenitz, *R. chaerophylloides* Sprib., *R. holzfussii* Sprib., *R. oboranus* (Sprib.) Sprib., *R. ostroviensis* Sprib., *R. pfuhlianus* Sprib., *R. seebergensis* Pfuhl ex Sprib., *R. spribillei* (Pfuhl ex Sprib.) Kulesza in Szafer] are probably endemic to Poland. Only five species occur throughout the country, the other ones reach their limit of occurrence in Poland. The richest in brambles is southwestern Poland where more than 70 species have been noted, while in the northwestern regions grow only five species. It is probably connected with the climatic conditions of Poland and the ways of migration of brambles on our territory.

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