

## Things to Look for in Autumn in the Forest of Bowland



Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus*) Not one species but hundreds all looking slightly different and some taste better than others! Fruit loved by foxes and birds.



### **Holly *Ilex aquifolium***

Romans called it "aquifolium" meaning sharp leaved. Lancashire name is Hollin found in several place names in the county.



### **Dog Rose Hips (*Rosa canina*)**

During the Second World War no citrus fruits were imported and so hips were gathered in large quantities to make rose hip syrup rich in Vitamin C.



Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*) Bitter blue-black fruits are used to flavour gin. Blackthorn has masses of snowy-white flowers in late March, a very welcome sight.



Marble Galls on Oak. Made by tiny female gall wasp *Andricus kollari*. Start off green and turn brown and woody and will have a little hole in them when she hatches in the autumn to find shelter to overwinter. Lays her eggs on oak buds in spring,



Artichoke galls on Oak. *Andricus fecundator*. Lives in hard inner, oval gall that drops out in the autumn. Parthenogenic females emerge in spring and lay eggs in buds. Bisexual generation in tiny furry galls on male catkins in late spring.