

Rosa palustris



swamp rose

Family	Rosaceae		
Origin	Native		
WIS Code	OBL	CoC	6



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DESCRIPTION

Multi-stemmed shrub (to 2.5 m tall) with distinct stout, usually downward curving, paired spines at most nodes along the stems. Leaves are compound with typically seven leaflets, elliptic (leaflets 2 to 6 cm long), and finely toothed. The base of most leaf stalks (petioles) has paired, very narrow, wing-like appendages (stipules).



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FLOWERS AND FRUITS

June to July, September to October. The stalked flowers are solitary or in clusters of only a few near the branch tips or leaf axils (where leaf meets stem) in the upper and outer branches. Flowers (4 to 5.5 cm wide) have five heart-shaped pink petals (2 to 3 cm). Fruits are red berry-like structures (hips), 8 to 15 mm in diameter.



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HABITAT

Swamps, marshes, pond edges, stream banks, seeps, and beaver wetlands.

SIMILAR SPECIES

See the page for *Rosa multiflora*, multiflora rose, for a comparison of these two species.



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