

# Rosa multiflora

Invasive to Maine

Multiflora Rose,  
Rambler Rose

Upland  
Forests, Fields, and Developed Areas

## Leaves



James H. Miller, [www.bugwood.org](http://www.bugwood.org)



Look for leaves that are compound-pinnate, with 5 to 9 leaflets that alternate on the stem and are oval-shaped with pointed tips and toothed edges. The tops are dark green and shiny and the undersides have tiny hairs.

LEAF ARRANGEMENT	LEAF TYPE	LEAF/LEAFLET SHAPE	LEAF/LEAFLET EDGE
 ALTERNATE	 SIMPLE	 PALMATE	 SMOOTH
 OPPOSITE	 COMPOUND-PALMATE	 OVAL	 TOOTHED
 WHORLED	 COMPOUND-PINNATE	 ROUND	 WAVY

## Plant



Randy Westbrook, [www.bugwood.org](http://www.bugwood.org)



A thick bush with arching stems that grows up to 3 m tall, the tallest rose bush in Maine. The rose hips and flowers are smaller than all other rose species in Maine.

## Stem



Leslie Mehrhoff, [www.bugwood.org](http://www.bugwood.org)



Look for green or brown arching stems (called canes) with slightly flattened, stiff, curved thorns. The stems do not grow hairs like the leaf bottoms and stipules do.

## Seasonal Change



Chris Evans, [www.bugwood.org](http://www.bugwood.org)



In May and June look for bunches of small (2 to 3 cm) white flowers that smell sweet. In fall look for small red berries called rose hips on the tips of the stems.

[www.vitalsignsme.org](http://www.vitalsignsme.org)

## Similar Species

You can tell Multiflora Rose apart from Beach Rose because Multiflora Rose has fewer thorns and they are thicker at the base. Multiflora rose also has fringed stipules (outgrowths on either side of the base of the leaves).

## Fun Fact

The pea-sized rose hips are a yummy treat for birds that spread the seeds to new places. When the tops of stems touch the ground they make new roots.