

# Rosa blanda

Native to Maine

Meadow Rose  
smooth rose, early wild rose

Upland  
Fields

## Leaves



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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. Leaves are dark green and shiny with tiny hairs on the undersides.

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



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Look for a small bush, growing up to 2 meters tall. They grow in moist soil in sunny or partially shady habitats.

## Stem



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Look for green stems that are mostly smooth with only a few thorns at the base of the plant. Bigger woody stems have some prickles.

## Seasonal Change



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In June and August look for pink or white 5-petaled flowers. Small berry-like fruits (rose hips) ripen in summer, get wrinkly in fall, and stay through winter.

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## Similar Species

The Meadow Rose is smaller than the Beach Rose or Multiflora Rose and has virtually no thorns. Its rose hips get wrinkly in fall, unlike the rose hips for other roses.

## Fun Fact

Deer don't like this species of rose. You can use the flowers to make rose water for perfumes and desserts.