

# Rosa multiflora

Invasive to Maine

Multiflora Rose  
Rambler Rose

Upland  
Forests, Fields, and Developed Areas

## Leaves



invasive upland, Loranger MS & Tim seed, Waynflete



Look for leaves that are compound-pinnate, with 5 to 9 oval shaped leaflets with pointed tips and toothed edges that alternate on the stem. 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



VS user HadwinRachelBradley, Hebron Academy



A thick bush with arching stems that grows up to 3 m tall, the tallest rose bush in Maine.

## Stem



VS user Tim stem, Waynflete School



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



VS users manyeyes and sodium



In May and June look for bunches of small (2 to 3 cm) white flowers that smell sweet. In fall, look for small, pea-sized, red berries called rose hips.

## Similar Species

Multiflora rose has fewer thorns than beach rose and the multiflora rose stems are thicker at the base. Multiflora rose also has FRINGED STIPULES (outgrowths on either side of the base of the leaves). The rose hips and flowers are smaller than all other Maine roses.

## Did You Know?

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.

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