

Weed Alert!

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(*Rosa rubiginosa*)

Mature Size Shoulder



Description

- Up to 9 ft. deciduous shrub with thorns
- Sweetly-scented flowers have 5 pink petals with a white base, are ½-2 in. wide, with lobed green leaf-like structures directly below flower petals
- Fruits ½-¾ in., turning orange or red
- Compound leaves with 5-7 leaflets
- Numerous ½ in. backward-curving thorns
- Reproduces by seed or vegetatively by sprouting from the root crown
- Spread by wildlife, birds, livestock, water, horticulture
- Native to Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia

Bloom Period Apr - Jun

Habitat Grassland, scrub, disturbed sites



2-Minute Removal Dig

Can be confused with...

California wild rose

(*Rosa californica*)

a native shrub which:

- Is 3-6 ft. tall with few Velcro-like thorns
- Has **unlobed** green leaf-like structures directly below petals



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