

Rugosa rose

Rosa rugosa

Description

Introduced to North America as an ornamental. Flowers used to make potpourri.

Habit

Erect; small, prickly, sprouting shrub; forms dense thickets; reaches a height of 6 ft and a width of 10 ft.

Leaves

Wrinkled, dark green in color, smooth above while pubescent and slightly sticky underneath.

Stems

Stout; covered with thin, straight sharp spines of various sizes.

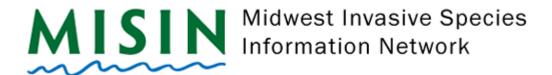
Flowers

Large, single flowering but double flowers can occur in wild, 8-10 cm across, white or light to dark pink in color depending on the cultivar.

Fruits and Seeds

Large and slightly flattened, shiny, deep red or





orange, fleshy "rose-hips" which ripen in late summer.

Habitat

Native to Asia. Founds on sandy or gravely beaches, dune grasslands.

Reproduction

By seed via birds and vegetatively by rhizomes.

Similar

Other species of Rose (Rosa spp.), but they lack leathery leaves, have smaller flowers and smaller hips.

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Digging, cutting, grazing and the use of herbicides. Most effective method is to dig it up and ensure all the rhizomes and roots have been removed.

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