

## 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. Grows on sandy or gravelly 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.

### **Credits**

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