



SWAMP ROSE
Rosa palustris

Located in swamps, wet thickets and along shores throughout the Division.

A bushy shrub to 2.5 m high; bearing hard, hooked, conical prickles to 1 cm long. Each leaf composed of 5 to 9 dull green leaflets; 2 to 6 cm long; oblong or egg shaped, coming to a point at both ends. A narrow, wing-like appendage (stipule) protrudes from the basal 1 to 2.5 cm of the leaf-stalk. Flowers are 4 to 5.5 cm broad; pale pink with 5 showy petals; blooming from June through August. Fruit enlarging after the blossom withers; round or oval, smooth and hard; approximately 1 cm diameter.

The fruit and buds eaten by upland game birds, songbirds, mice, black bear, beaver, rabbit, skunk and squirrel. The twigs and foliage are eaten by deer and other hoofed browsers as well as fur and game mammals. Thickets provide excellent nesting and protective cover for birds and small mammals.



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