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RUGOSA ROSE

Rosa Rugosa

Distribution:

Rugosa Rose is a non-native species in this region. It is used as a conservation and ornamental species, and is suited to the harsher areas of the state. Rugosa Rose can be potentially invasive in more favorable sites.



Growth Habit:

Rugosa Rose is a deciduous shrub that can grow to 8 feet tall with an equal spread. It has sturdy upright stems and forms a dense shrub that is full to the ground.

Adaptability:

Rugosa Rose is one of the more adaptable shrubs. It grows in a wide range of sites from sunny to shady, and very dry to moist. It is best suited to open, exposed, well-drained, even dry sites. It grows equally well throughout our region.

Comments:

Rugosa Rose has many uses as a conservation species. It provides berries, forage and shelter for wildlife enhancement. It develops a strong root system for soil stabilization. It has also become a popular ornamental, producing large, showy blossom in mass in early summer. Flower color can range from red to pink to white depending on chance genetic combinations. The flowers are followed by very large red showy hips by late summer.



These hips, along with its ability to naturalize sandy beach areas, have earned it the less known common name of 'Beach Tomato'. It is often considered one of the hardiest and most disease resistant rose species