Rosa palustris
Swamp Rose

Summer/Fall Foliage and Flowers

Characteristics: Broad-leaved, deciduous shrub

Appearance:
- **Height**: Up to 7 ft.
- **Aerial Spread**: Up to 6 ft.
- **Flower Color**: Pink
- **Flowering Period**: June to August
- **Fruit Color**: Red with bristly calyx
- **Fruiting Period**: Fall

Habitat (Community): Fresh tidal marshes, non-tidal marshes, shrub swamps, forested wetlands, stream banks

Hydrology:
- **Indicator status**: Obligate wetland
- **Salinity**: Fresh water
- **Non-Tidal Regime**: Irregularly, seasonally or regularly saturated

Wildlife Benefits: (Food) for wild turkey, mockingbird, gray catbird, brown thrasher, American Robin, wood thrush, eastern bluebird, and cedar waxwing; (Food - Buds) for ruffed grouse, bobwhite, and ring-necked pheasant; (Cover and Food) for cardinal and song sparrows.

Distribution: Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to Minnesota, south to Florida and Arkansas