

Rosa palustris Swamp Rose



Summer/Fall Foliage and Flowers^a

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

^a http://plants.usda.gov/java/largeImage?imageID=ropa_001_ahp.tif