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Nootka Rose (*Rosa nutkana*)

Distribution

Nootka Rose is found at low to mid elevations throughout western North America. Another subspecies of Nootka Rose (*Rosa nutkana hispida*) is found primarily east of the Cascade Mountains.

Growth Habit

Nootka Rose grows as a spindly, deciduous shrub, reaching 15 feet tall, and spreading 10 to 12 feet wide. The pink flowers often reach 2 inches in diameter, and are usually born singly, although at times occur in pairs or triplets.

Adaptability

Nootka Rose is found in a wide variety of sites throughout its range. It typically grows in open sites, but can be found occasionally as an understory species. It is used along streams, lakes and bogs, as well as upland and rocky sites.

Comments

- Rose has long been used as a valued restoration species.
- Their dense, matting root systems make it useful in stream-side stabilization.
- They provide forage and habitat for many species of birds and animals.
- It is noted to have the showiest of flowers among the native roses of this region.

