

## WACD PLANT MATERIALS CENTER

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### Pea Fruit Rose (*Rosa pisocarpa*)

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#### Distribution

Pea Fruit Rose, Swamp Rose or Clustered Wild Rose is commonly found at lower elevations west of the Cascades, from lower British Columbia to Northern California.

#### Growth Habit

It is a slender, upright deciduous shrub that can grow from 4 to 8 feet tall, spreading 3 to 5 feet wide often forming a thicket. Several of the small flowers are formed in clusters on the dark red blackish stems. The fruits are smallish 'pea-sized' pear or egg shaped hips.

#### Adaptability

Pea Fruit Rose is most commonly found growing in riparian and other moist areas in partial shade but can also be found occasionally growing in drier upland sites.

#### Comments

- Pea Fruit Rose usually has several smallish light pink flowers per stem.
- The fruits provide an important food source for many species of birds and mammals.
- It is a good species for riparian restoration, erosion control, shelterbelts, and wildlife habitat improvement.

