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# Multiflora Rose

*Rosa Multiflora*



Birds love to eat the rosehips of *Rosa multiflora*, but they're nutritionally weak, compared to that of native roses.

- Shrub with 3-12' long, arching, thorny stems growing from its base, sometimes climbing nearby trees.
  - Leaves are shiny green, with 5-11 leaflets on its compound leaves. Unlike native roses, this invasive rose has **fringe at the base of each compound leaf**.
  - Flowers, in June, are white or pink, 5-petaled in clusters of 15-20 at the ends of the branches, that become red berries.
  - Fruits are clustered red ¼" rosehips at the ends of the branches, from August through winter. Each plant can produce up to one million seeds.
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## HOW TO CONTROL:

- Pull small plants when soil is wet, or mow to the ground 6x per year. These will re-sprout, so repeat for 2-4 years.
- OR, if beyond 25' from water, cut, then spray leaf sprouts with 3% glyphosate or 3-5% triclopyr.
- OR, cut to 1', then, if beyond 25' from water, paint immediately with 25% glyphosate or triclopyr late-or off-season, when over 40 degrees.

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# Sources

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Multiflora Rose Video: Herndon Environmental Network, How to Identify and Remove Multiflora Rose (5:30): hand tools, disposal, herbicides, biological control, native alternatives

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