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### Baldhip Rose (*Rosa gymnocarpa*)

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#### Distribution

Baldhip Rose is a native rose found at low to mid elevations throughout western North America. It is also known by the common names of dwarf rose, woods rose and gymnocarpa rose.

#### Growth Habit

Baldhip Rose is a small native rose that is commonly found in open coniferous forests with slender bristly stems and multiple deep-rose flowers. This rose grows best in shady woodland settings and shaded gardens. It can grow up to 2 meters in height and can spread 3-6 feet. Its grayish stem is covered with long, straight spines which may or may not be abundant. The fragrant flowers are flat and open-faced with five petals. Most flowers are any shade of pink to lavender. Its fruit is a red rose hip containing hard tan seeds.

#### Adaptability

Found in a variety of habitats, from open to wooded, dry to moist and can tolerate full sun to partial shade in a well-drained loamy soil.

#### Comments

- Indigenous people ate the rose hips sparingly when ripe.
- It has a bloom period that extends through most of the summer, making this flowering shrub very important to pollinators.
- It is the most shade tolerant native rose in the Pacific Northwest.
- The name baldhip comes from when crown of sepals falls away from the fruit early leaving the hip "bald".

