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Rugosa Rose (*Rosa rugosa*)

Distribution

Rugosa Rose is a non-native species in the Pacific Northwest. It is used as a conservation and ornamental species, and is suited to the harsher areas of the state. Rugosa Rose can be potentially invasive in more favorable sites.

Growth Habit

Rugosa Rose is a deciduous shrub that can grow to 8 feet tall with an equal spread. It has sturdy upright stems and forms a dense shrub that is full to the ground. Attractive bright pink flowers bloom in early summer.

Adaptability

Rugosa Rose is one of the more adaptable shrubs. It grows in a wide range of sites from sunny to shady and moist. It is best suited to open, exposed, well-drained, even dry sites. It grows equally well throughout our region.

Comments

- Rugosa Rose has many uses as a conservation species.
- It provides berries, forage and shelter for wildlife enhancement.
- It develops a strong root system for soil stabilization.
- It has also become a popular ornamental, producing large, showy blossom in mass in early summer.
- Flower color can range from red to pink to white depending on chance genetic combinations.
- The flowers are followed by very large red showy hips by late summer. These hips, along with its ability to naturalize sandy beach areas; have earned it the less known common name of 'Beach Tomato'.
- It is often considered one of the hardiest and most disease resistant rose species.

