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Woods Rose (*Rosa woodsii*)

Distribution

Woods Rose is found primarily east of the Cascade Mountains at low to mid-elevations.

Growth Habit

Woods Rose is a deciduous shrub that grows 6' to 8' tall, with a similar spread. Fragrant flowers consist of 5 petals and an attractive pink color. The plant reproduces by seed, sprouting from the root crown, and by producing root suckers to form dense thickets.

Adaptability

Woods Rose is found in a wide variety of sites throughout its range. It grows in open, sunny sites or as an understory species in moderate shade. It is used along streams, lakes and bogs, as well as upland and rocky sites. It prefers a moist, well-drained soil and sites that are open and exposed.

Comments

- Woods Rose has long been used as a restoration species.
- Its matting root system makes it useful in stream-side stabilization.
- It provides forage and habitat for many species of birds and animals.
- The leaves are browsed upon by large animals, porcupines, and beavers.
- The dried fruits are an important food source for many birds and mammals in winter.

