

# *Rosa multiflora*

## MULTIFLORA ROSE

### Rosaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** -

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

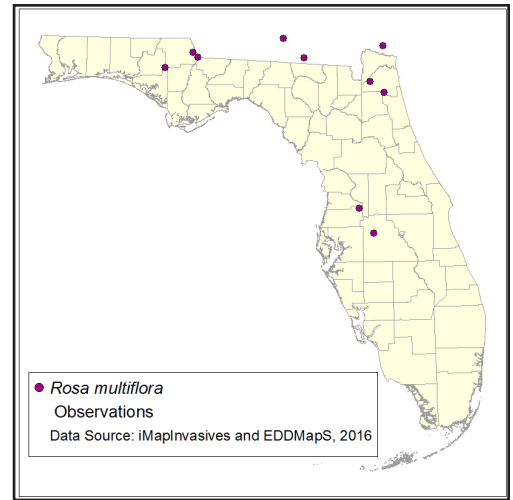
**IFAS Assessment**

North -  
Central -  
South -

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 3b-8b

**Growth Habit:** Shrub

**Origin:** Asia



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**Description:** Shrub with stems 1-4 m long, erect at base, arching above, glabrous, prickles mostly paired, flattened, broad-based, curved. Leaves alternate, odd-pinnate, leaflets 5-11, 1-6 cm long, 0.8-3 cm wide, obovate to elliptic, serrate, base cuneate or rounded, glabrous above, pubescent below, conspicuous stipules pectinate-serrate. Inflorescence a pyramid corymb, with 25-100 or more flowers. Flowers 1-2 cm in diameter, petals 5, white to light pink, 5-12 mm long, stamens numerous. Fruit ellipsoidal, 6-9 mm long, red and fleshy when ripe.

**Habitat:** Fields, floodplains, forests.

**Comments:** Very invasive to the north of Florida. Multiflora rose grows rapidly forming dense, impenetrable thickets.

**Florida Introduction Date:** Earliest Florida specimen vouchered in 1980.

**Control Methods:**

Mechanical: Mowing/Cutting (for small initial populations or environmentally sensitive areas where herbicides cannot be used).

Chemical: Foliar (2% glyphosate, plus a 0.5% non-ionic surfactant [for large thickets where low risk to non-target species] or 2% triclopyr plus a 0.5% non-ionic surfactant [in areas where desirable grasses are present]), Cut Stump (25% glyphosate or 25% triclopyr), basal bark (25% triclopyr ester mixed with horticultural oil).

Biological: Rose Rosette Disease (RRD, an endemic disease in the Mid-western states and effects several species of roses) and Rose Seed Chalcid (*Megastigmus aculeatus* var. *nigroflavus* [Hoffmeyer]).

**Useful Resources:**

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