



Nootka Rose

Rosa nutkana

Rose Family (*Rosaceae*)

General Description: Tall, erect shrub up to 8 feet, singly stalked or in small groups. Highly adaptable, usually upland, but can be found in habitats from dry to wet, open to wooded.

Key Characteristics: Alternate buds up to 1/4" long; more classically "thorn"-like prickles, without profusion of prickles at base (usually); sepals attached to 1/2" in diameter remnant fruit. Twig bark green to red, sometimes purplish, older stems sometimes grayish-tan.

Confused With: Other roses, see key characteristics.

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