Prickly Rose

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Rosaceae - Rose Family

Quick ID

Height: up to 1.5m, but often shorter

Vegetation Type: Shrub

Leaves: hairy, alternate, 3-9 leaflets, pinnately compound, toothed edges, stipules fused to leaf stem

Flowers: five pink petals, many anthers

Inflorescence: flowers often solitary on a stem

Stem: covered in straight prickles

Habitat: Full sun to part shade; sometimes in disturbed habitat; Mostly drier/mesic sites, but can be found in wetlands; e.g. riverbanks, lakeshores, roadsides, clearings

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Flowering

How often: Annually
When: Late June-July

- In bloom first couple months of Summer
- A few flowers open at a time
- Perfect flowers
- Self-compatible

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Seed Forecasting

When: August

What to look for:

- Oblong shape fruit
- Red-orange colour when ripe

Seed Collection

When: September-October

What to look for:

- Fruit stays on plant into winter
- Cut fruit and seeds to check quality before collecting

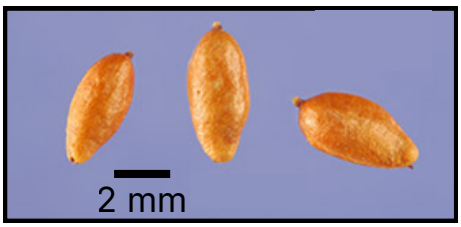
Best practices:

- Wear gloves and safety glasses for prickles
- Hand-pick or cut with shears into collection bag

Cleaning and Storage

Type: fleshy fruit (rose hip)

- Let fruit dry then open by hand
- Remove hairs from seeds if desired
- Wash seeds with soapy water, rinse, and let them dry



Germination

- Sometimes takes multiple cold wet exposures to germinate

Look-alike plants:

Woods' rose (*Rosa woodsii*)

Woods' Rose has:

- 5-7 leaflets per leaf
- Smaller rounder rose hips
- Curved prickles on main stem
- And is rarer; found around the upper McKenzie River area

Smooth rose (*Rosa blanda*)

Smooth Rose has:

- 5-7 leaflets per leaf
- Flowers clustered groups of 1-5
- Sparse, curved prickles on stem
- And is rarer; found around Wrigley area

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