



WACD Plant Materials Center

NOOTKA ROSE

Common Name: Nootka Rose

Scientific Name: *Rosa nutkana*

Distribution: Nootka Rose is found at low to mid elevations throughout western Washington. Another sub-species of Nootka Rose (*Rosa nutkana hispida*) is found primarily in eastern Washington.



Growth Habit: Nootka Rose grows as a spindly, deciduous shrub, reaching 15 feet tall, and spreading 10 to 12 feet wide.

Adaptability: Nootka Rose is found in a wide variety of sites throughout its range. It typically grows in open sites, but can be found occasionally as an understory species. It is used along streams, lakes and bogs, as well as upland and rocky sites.

Comments: Nootka Rose has long been used as a restoration species. Their dense, matting root systems make it useful in stream-side stabilization. It provides forage and habitat for many species of birds and animals. It is noted to have the showiest of flowers among the native roses of this region. The pink flowers often reach 2 inches in diameter, and are usually born singly, although at times occur in pairs or triplets.

