

## *Rosa carolina*

Pasture Rose

**Height:** 1 to 3 ft., can be taller

**Spread:** 3 to 6 ft.

**Sun:** Full sun for lots of flowers and increased disease resistance

**Soil Moisture:** Mesic but tolerates a wide range

**Soil Types:** Loam but tolerates clay and sand

**Bloom Time:** Early summer and lasts about a month

**Bloom Description:** Pink, fragrant, 2 to 3 inches wide, 5-petaled flowers. Usually occurs singly but sometimes in small clusters. Note the bright yellow stamens.

**Leaf:** Dark green leaves turn reddish in fall

**Fruit:** Red hips, extremely high in vitamin C, in late summer

**Uses:** Cut flowers for bouquets. Tea from hips. Hedges, meadows, naturalized areas or native plant gardens Not suitable for small landscapes. Loose groundcover if not pruned.

**Wildlife:** Upland gamebirds and small mammals eat the rosehip

**Nectar** Flowers provide no nectar

**Larval Host:** several moths

**Pollinators:** long-tongued bees and others

**Deer Resistant:** low to somewhat

**Comments:** Roses are susceptible to black spot, powdery mildew and rust, but this species rose has a better resistance than hybrid roses. Best to plant with other natives so competition will slow the rhizomatous spread, which is relatively slow but relentless.

**Pruning:** Late winter or early spring. Prune to control suckers. It has a deep central taproot as well as shallow rhizomes.

