

# MULTIFLORA ROSE

*Rosa multiflora*



<b>Mature Height</b>	8 to 10 feet	<b>Soil Type</b>	All types
<b>Mature Spread</b>	Colonies	<b>Flower Color</b>	White
<b>Mature Form</b>	Rounded patches	<b>Foliage Color</b>	Green
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Rapid	<b>Fall Color</b>	Green till dormant & leaf drop
<b>Sun Exposure</b>	Sun to dense shade		
<b>Soil Moisture</b>	All moisture conditions		

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Multiflora Rose is one of the most invasive plants in Indiana. It is also illegal to sell in the State. It tolerates a wide range of soil and light conditions and it invades any location that is not tilled for crop production. Multiflora Rose plants are very thorny and form massive thickets shading out native plants and often excluding all forms of wildlife. It was brought to the United States in the early 1800's to serve as root stock for grafted roses. Subsequently it was widely planted as a wildlife food. For living fences and as crash barriers in highway medians. It is present in all Indiana Counties. It is native to Japan and the Far East. Frequent mowing (3 to 6 times per year) for 3 to 5 years has been effective as a mechanical control measure. Many different herbicides have proved effective as a control but due to the large store of seeds in the ground herbicide treatments must be repeated for a few years.



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