

EDGE of the Woods

Native Plants

Bring life to your landscape with native plants



Rosa palustris Swamp Rose

This week's news brought us the information that scientists had discovered the gene for the rose scent, which has somehow been lost in cultivated roses.

Well, we have it here, too. In the native roses. It's been here all along. You can't miss it when its blooming. There are several native roses and in this email we'd like to feature the 'swamp rose', because good things are always happening in swamps.

This single petaled pink rose is highly fragrant and blooms June-July. The native roses are suckering shrubs and will spread somewhat aggressively by their thick running roots. If you have a large bank to fill, or an area where it will be contained easily by running around its edges with a lawn mower, this shrub has a lot to offer.

Bright red hips in fall are enjoyed by birds, and a wonderfully thick tangle of thorny mahogany stems highlights the winter landscape. Grows to 6'-8' in almost any soil, can take moist to wet, full sun to part shade. Special value to pollinators: provides both nesting site and nectar.

We have a wonderful supply of these roses, just about done blooming. It's the perfect time to plant them in your landscape. And you don't even need a swamp.

How to Help Pollinators

Border your vegetable garden with with native flowers to improve pollination. You'll also be supporting pollinators such as wasps and hover flies that control crop pests.

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