

Pasture Rose (Rosa carolina)

3-6', spreads by suckering to 5-10'.

CT native, found in dryish to wet soils, in glades, open woods, thickets, dunes, along roads, train tracks, streams, and swamps.

2-3" very fragrant light to dark pink flowers - 5-petals, numerous bright yellow stamens on flat wide pistil platform, 5 green pointed sepals. June into July, about a month.

Smooth shining red hips beginning late summer, persisting through winter.

Attractive stiff upright branches with scattered straight slender prickles; young stems are crimson red.

Shiny rich green, pointed, strongly serrated leaves, compound with 5-7 leaflets; very good red-purple fall foliage.

Sun to part sun, moist to dry well-drained soil, Prefers sandy loam, summer mulch, and good air circulation.

Use in masses, shrub borders, meadows, hedges, barriers.

Good quality food for birds.

Supports 122 varieties of native butterflies, larval food for Striped Hairstreak Butterfly.

Supports caterpillars of many species of moths.

Pollen attracts long-tongued bees like bumblebees and miner bees.

Photo 1

<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rosacarolina.jpg>
by Stickpen

Photo 2

Missouri Botanic PlantFinder
www.mobot.org/gardeninghelp/plantfinder

Photo 3

Will Cook, Duke University
<http://www.duke.edu/~cwcook/trees/roca.html>

Photo 4

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