

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



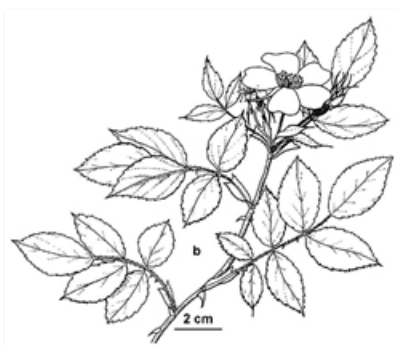
Flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer ROH Shepherd, Mt Eliza, Vic.



Fruit and leaf. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Jerrabomberra Wetlands, ACT



Flowering branches. Photographer Mke Sim, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings. b. flowering branch. EM Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Dog Rose, Common Brier

Family

Rosaceae

Where found

Native bushland, **woodland**, pastures, roadsides, waste areas, and along streams. Sydney area north from the Campbelltown district. Western Slopes. ACT. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced (**deciduous** at least in the ACT and nearby) **erect** or arching **shrub** to about 5 m high, sometimes climbing. Stems with scattered prickles to 10 mm long. Leaf margins with sharp teeth. Fruit fleshy, not edible. Stems smooth, hairless or almost hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 5–7 leaflets, each 1.5–4 cm long, 10–20 mm wide, surfaces hairless, not **glandular** except for scattered **glands** on the **midvein** on the lower surface, tips pointed. A pair of leaflike **stipules** at the base of each leaf, with fine glandular hairs restricted to the margins. Flowers white to bright pink with a faint sweet smell, 20–50 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals**. Flower stalks more or less hairless, without prickles or glandular hairs. Flowers single or in few-flowered clusters. Flowers Oct.–Dec. Fruit orange to dark red, oval to round, 10–20 mm long, hairless.

Very difficult to differentiate from *Rosa rubiginosa*, but not covered by General Biosecurity Duty all NSW, Pest Plants ACT, or Noxious Weeds Vic legislation. (accessed 3 April 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rosa~canina> (accessed 3 April 2021)

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