

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, between Mbruya and Araluen



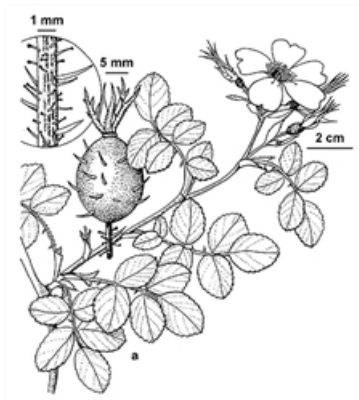
Flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Staughton Vale, Vic



Fruit and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, SW of Nerriga



Shrub. Photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Staughton Vale, VIC



Line drawings. a. flowering branch. EMMayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

## Common name

Sweet briar, Eglantine

## Family

Rosaceae

## Where found

Bushland, **woodland**, hedgerows, grassy areas, roadsides, waste areas, gullies, and along streams. Widespread. Rarely coastal south of Wollongong.

## Notes

**Introduced shrub, deciduous** in colder areas, to 3 m tall, **erect**, arching, or **scrambling**, sometimes climbing. Stems with prickles 10–15 mm long. Prickly leaf and flower stalks. Leaf margins sharply toothed. Fruit fleshy, not edible. Stems smooth when young, sometimes sticky hairy, becoming rough and woody as they mature. The crushed foliage has a sweet apple-like smell. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 5–9 leaflets, each 0.8–4 cm long, 5–28 mm wide, upper surface hairless or hairy, lower surface usually with a mixture of **simple** and **glandular** hairs, tips rounded. A pair of glandular leaflike **stipules** at the base of each leaf. Flowers pink to white, sweetly scented, 20–50 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals**, on stalks covered in sticky hairs and fine prickles. Flowers single or in few-flowered clusters. Flowers Spring-Summer. Fruit orange or red to almost black, 15–20 mm long, oval or oval, hairless, prickles absent or with a few bristles or small spines near the base.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Pest plant ACT. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rosa~rubiginosa> (accessed 5 February, 2021)

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