

# Multiflora Rose

## *Rosa multiflora*

### Invasive Species in MA

*Found in disturbed land, fields, and woodland borders.  
It is both sun and shade tolerant.*



- Introduced as an ornamental and erosion control, and is now banned in Massachusetts
- Climbing shrub, growing 10-15 ft tall with thorny stems and clusters of leaves
- Has seasonal white flowers and red berries

### What makes it invasive?

- High seed production and dispersal spread the plant quickly across long distances.
- Each plant can also reproduce from a single stem, creating large colonies.
- Leaves emerge early, before native plants, establishing itself without competition.
- It has no natural predators in MA.



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