

ROSA BLANDA Aiton
Smooth Rose

FAMILY: Rosaceae

HABIT: Spreading shrub to 2 m. high; flowering June-August.

SIMILAR SPECIES: This species shares many characteristics with the other wild roses, native and introduced, found in Ohio. *R. blanda* can be recognized by the following set of characteristics: stems smooth, except sometimes toward base; fruit with persistent beak of connivent sepals; hypanthium glabrous; rachis, stipules, and lower leaf surfaces pubescent to glabrous.

TOTAL RANGE: Que. to Man., s. to NY, PA, IN, and MO.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Darke, Erie, Fulton, Huron, Ottawa, Union, and Wood counties. There are pre-1980 collections from Knox, Licking, and Lorain counties.

HABITAT: Dry to moist, calcareous to circumneutral rocky shores, prairies, railroad grades, roadbanks, and old limestone quarries.

HAZARDS: Overshading through succession.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Presumably good due to the weedy nature of this species and its occurrence in disturbed situations.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect mature flowering and/ or fruiting branchlets.

COMMENTS: This species seems to be quite aggressive as indicated by its appearance in a variety of disturbed habitats. Probably overlooked and more frequent than presently indicated.

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