



Rosa multiflora (multiflora rose) was **introduced from Japan** in the 1800s for use as rose rootstock. Later used as livestock barriers and highway buffers, it escaped cultivation, spreading rapidly by seed and the rooting of decumbent canes. Its long, thorny, climbing stems shade and choke out native species, creating impenetrable barriers in meadows and bogs and along verges and woodland edges in the eastern United States.

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