

# MOST (UN)WANTED PLANT:



## Multiflora Rose

(*Rosa multiflora*)



Large clusters of fragrant white flowers bloom in June along roadsides, in backyards, farm fields.

The red hips (fruits) ripen through the summer and are eaten and further spread by birds.

## WANTED: DEAD OR REMOVED

### Guilty of Illegal Ecologic Invasion!

It's June, and you can see and smell the multiflora roses blooming everywhere. But multiflora rose is a non-native, invasive wild rose that has spread to every corner and edge of New England, forming enormous thorny thickets that crowd out everything else growing there, including native shrubs and trees.

**FOR NATURE'S SAKE, PLEASE REMOVE  
MULTIFLORA ROSE FROM YOUR PROPERTY!**

### If Seen, Dig Immediately!

Control multiflora rose by cutting all the thorny stems to the ground (wear heavy gloves and protective wear) and then digging out and removing as much of the root system as you can.

Any piece of root left in the ground will quickly regrow, so roots must be completely removed!

If stems have fruits present, discard in trash rather than composting stems.



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