

## ROSE FAMILY

### ROSACEAE

## Pasture Rose.

### *Rosa carolina.*

Found on rocky hillsides, and in dry thickets, during June or July.

The branching, leafy stalk is rather slender, firm-fibred, and smooth, and



grows about 2 or 3 feet high; its spines are occasional, short and fine, and either straight or slightly down-curved, —they occur also in pairs at the base of the leaf. In color green, with, or without, bronzy-red streaks.

The leaflets, 3 to 7 in number, are a long-oval shape, —frequently narrow, —sharp pointed, with an irregularly toothed margin, a thin, firm, close texture, the ribs bristly underneath. In color a fine rich green. The leaves are alternately placed, and clasp the stalk with a pair of flaring, narrow wings (“stipules”).



The petals are 5, heart-shaped, and shell-like, the texture is thin, showing the veins ; color, a pure and delicate rose-pink. The stamens are short, many, an yellow; the pistils gathered in a small crimson center. The bright green calyx-divisions are 5, long and narrow, deeply and sharply cleft, covered with bristles. The flowers on leafy stems, are placed, terminally, or along the branches, in pairs, or singly.

The blossoms are odorous, and abundant, —their petals are beautifully curved. The plants grow in thick plantations, and are partial to upland pastures, where they contest their rights with the Hardhack, and Everlastings, and even crowd upon the red cedars and wild apple trees.

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