

SPOTTING INVASIVE PLANTS ON OUR ROADSIDES #8

New Milford CT, 6/7/21

Multiflora Rose: “Everything’s Coming Up Roses”



Multiflora Rose, Mud Pond Road, 6/7/21

Multiflora Rose
Flowers, Leaves and Thorns



Multiflora Rose, *Rosa multiflora*, is one of the most common invasive shrubs along roadsides, in fields, and in other minimally managed landscapes. It is the critter that reaches out to grab you when you walk on a trail or drive along a road. The leaves have paired leaflets along the midrib, with a single leaflet at the tip. The stems are adorned with sharp thorns. Flowers are white. On a still day, you might notice the fragrance as you drive by.

There are other roses found in the wild in Connecticut, some native, others not. All are less common. The native roses have pink flowers.

Like many invasives, Multiflora Rose leafs out early and hold its leaves late, making it easy to spot in early spring or late fall. Like many invasive shrubs, it provides food for adult birds, but it displaces the native plants that support the caterpillars needed as food for baby birds and other wildlife.

Spot multiflora rose in flower now along many roads in New Milford.

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More info: <http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocument?docId=1738705&DocName=MultifloraRose.pdf>



Stems of young Multiflora Rose bushes
quickly grow into roadway.
Mud Pond Road, 5/1/21