

Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*)

Origin: Eastern Asia.

Status in Park: Abundant in all habitats; invasive pest.

Characteristics: Shrub with height of up to 10 feet (rarely 16); with long, spreading or climbing stems that are armed with stout, recurved thorns; flowers white or pink, 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches across, in clusters, in May to June; red berries (hips) about 1/2 inch in diameter appear in August.

Leaves: Alternate, pinnately compound; with 5-11 leaflets; leaves up to 6 inches long; with finely toothed edges; there is a feathered structure (stipule) where the leaf attaches to the stem; dark green in color; surface smooth.



Location of tagged tree:



Notes: This species was originally introduced into the US as a garden plant but escaped into and thrived wild lands. It is one of the worst invasive species in the park. It often forms impenetrable thickets. A great deal of effort has been made to remove them, but infestations remain, particularly on the bluffs. Removal work continues.