

**Species name:** Japanese rose (*Rosa rugosa*)

**Group:** Plants

**Native region (Continent):** Asia

**Local Status:** Established

**Entry paths (if known):** Garden escapes, plantings

**Observations:** Occurs all along the Flemish coast, most abundant at the central and eastern coastline. Increasing very rapidly. In the dunes Japanese rose was popular as a sand fixer. This practice is now discouraged by nature conservationists, but an enormous vegetative spread, and sporadic spontaneous establishment from seed, are now a fact. Inland, the planting of Japanese rose is popular along motorways, at car parks, roundabouts and all kinds of traffic junctions, as well as on canal banks. There is no possibility of confusion between Japanese rose and native rose species.

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