ROSACEAE
Rosa gymnocalcarpa Nutt.
Rogy

baldhip rose, wild rose

FORM: Finely branched shrub, 3-12 dm (1-4 ft) tall.

STEMS: Densely, armed with soft, straight, slender prickles (1) on older branches, and stalked glands (lollypop-like hairs) (2), on 1-2 year old stems.

LEAVES: Alternate, deciduous, odd-pinnately compound with 5-9 leaflets, 1-4 cm long, doubly serrate with gland-tipped teeth.

FLOWERS: Small, pink, 1-3 cm (1 in) long, mostly borne singly at end of branches; smaller flowers and fruits than other rose species; June-July.

FRUIT: Scarlet, pear-shaped hips, 1 cm diameter; calyx deciduous from mature hips (3).

SIMILAR SPECIES: Rosa Conспектus, p. 63.

NOTES: Rose hips can be used in jellies and teas and provide a good source of vitamin C.