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Rosa pomifera

[Synonyms : *Rosa ciliato-petala*, *Rosa sancti-andreae*, *Rosa villosa*, *Rosa villosa* var. *pomifera*, *Rosa villosa* var. *recondita*, *Rosa villosa* subsp. *villosa*]

APPLE ROSE is a prickly deciduous shrub. Native to central and southern Europe and western Asia, it has small pink (occasionally white) flowers.

It is also known as *Apfelrose* (German), Downy rose, Great apple rose, *Omenaruusu* (Finnish), *Plommonros* (Swedish), and *Růže měkká* (Czech).

Pomifera means ‘apple- bearing’ with reference to the similarity of the fruit to an apple (*Malus*).