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Rosa setigera

[Synonyms : *Rosa rubifolia*, *Rosa trifoliata*]

PRAIRIE ROSE is a rambling climbing, prickly deciduous shrub. Native to eastern North America it has nearly scentless, rose fading to whitish flowers.

It is also known as Climbing prairie rose, Climbing rose, Michigan rose, Rose blush, and Sunshine rose.

Setigera is derived from Latin *saeta* (bristle, stiff hair) meaning ‘bristly’.

This is the only climbing rose which is native to the North American Continent, and is widespread on the eastern side as far west as the Rocky Mountains and as far south as Florida.

Prairie rose is believed to have been introduced to Europe in 1810.

This flower was referred to by the English naturalist, Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882) in relation to its habit of responding to light and shade stimulus on a trellis.