



Photo by Linda Foote at Mission Trails Regional Park

Common Name: Wild Rose
Scientific Name: *Rosa Californica*

Description: The Wild Rose is a bush with flowers, flat oval leaves and prickles. The flowers have flat pink petals with yellow in the middle. Each flower only has five pink petals. In the fall it has bright red fruits called "hips."

The Kumeyaay used this plant as a wash for their eyes. They also ate the fruit. The rose hips were also brewed for tea. Older wood from this plant was also used for arrow shafts.

You can read about this plant in *Indians of the Oaks* on page 78. Op-a-chuck gathered the fruits of the wild rose because they were sweet and good.



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