Baldhip Rose

*Rosa gymnecarpa* ~ Rose Family

**Lummi:** qelqel  **Nooksack:** qálqay

**Ethnobotany**

- Traditionally, branches were used in ritual cleansing for spirit protection

**Habitat Value**

- Birds & small mammals eat the fruit or rose hips; thickets provide nesting sites

**Characteristics**

- A woodland shrub with many soft, straight prickles
- Small orange to red fruit are “bald” because they lose their sepals

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