

species. The magazine is wrong in calling *Rosa blanda* Ait. the "Wild Prairie Rose." This species is the smoothest of our wild roses. It is not truly a prairie rose but grows at the edges of thickets and in open woods. It is usually larger than the Prairie Rose. It is the most common species in the timbered sections of the state, and it is just barely possible that this was the species intended. It is by no means the most common rose of the state, however. We recognize still another rose, known as *Rosa virginiana* Mill. This usually grows along the edges of our prairie groves, or sometimes on the more open prairie, but it is much less common than *Rosa pratincola*. This has been reported also under the name *Rosa lucida* Ehrh., but this name is a mere synonym of *Rosa virginiana*. *Rosa sayi* Sch. has also been reported, but this is doubtful.

You will see from this statement that it is difficult to pick out the particular rose which was meant. If the man who proposed the rose for our state flower came from a timbered part of the state he probably had *Rosa blanda* in mind; but if he came from the prairie parts of the state he certainly meant *Rosa pratincola*.

I do not know just how much this will help you, but I concluded that a statement in this form would set the facts before you most clearly.

Very sincerely,

B. SHIMEK.

N. B. I should have stated that these roses are so much alike in general appearance that people would not ordinarily distinguish them. The characters by which they are recognized are not conspicuous and do not materially affect the general appearance of the plant.

B. S.

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JOHATHAN BROWNING.

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