

Rose of Sharon



Common Name: Rose-Of-Sharon or Shrub Althea

Botanical Name: *Hibiscus syriacus* Malvaceae

Rose-Of-Sharon is a favorite deciduous shrub of days past. Rose-Of-Sharon forms an upright leggy crown. Late spring or early summer mallow-like flowers in a range of colors are the primary attraction. The species is plagued with a number of pest problems.

Plant Habit or Use: shrub large shrub tree small tree

Exposure: sun partial sun

Flower Color: single mallow-like or double carnation-like white, pink, purple, maroon, or blue-purple **Blooming Period:** spring summer

Fruit Characteristics: persistent capsules

Height: 10' to 12'

Width: 5' to 7'

Plant Character: deciduous

Heat Tolerance: high

Water Requirements: medium

Soil Requirements: adaptable

USDA Hardiness Zone: 5 6 7 8 9

Additional Comments: Widely adapted shrub as long as soils are not permanently wet. Cold hardiness is marginal in USDA zone 5a. Plagued by aphids, spider mites, and white fly which often result in deformed flowers, plagiotrophic new growth, and sooty mold; volunteer seedlings can also become weedy.