

Botanical Name: Papaver orientale

Common Name: Oriental poppy

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character summer deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape large, coarse upright perennial with gray, hairy, divided  
leaves -- large poppy flowers held above foliage

Height 3-4' Spread 18" Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil requires well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-17), performs best in cold climate

Morphology:

Leaves large, coarse, pinnately lobed to 12" long, distinctly  
hairy on upper and lower surfaces

Flowers red, orange or pink, to 6" across with a dark center

Fruit rounded capsule, 1" across

Propagation: seed

Usage: excellent bedding plant for large areas; good background  
plant in annual or perennial borders

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering - do not overwater

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting

Pruning remove dead flowers occasionally

Pests/Diseases root rot during warm summers

Special Conditions don't over water during dormant-late summer period

Origin: East Asia Family: Papaveraceae