

Botanical Name: Malvaviscus arboreus

Common Name: Turk's cap

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape vine-like, sprawling shrub, irregular; becoming tall,
dense and woody with age

Height to 10' Spread to 10' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors half shade to full sun

Soil prefers a well-amended soil

Hardiness some frost (zones 9, 12-16, 19-24) to 25° F

Morphology:

Leaves alternate, palmately lobed 3-4" long and wide, medium green
margin crenate to dentate, pubescent on upper surface

Flowers terminal red flowers with united corolla, stamens united,
protruding through -- resembles closed hibiscus

Fruit 5-valved capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: in shady areas as a semi-climbing shrub; used for flower
color, can be used as bonsai material and as a rootstock for Hibiscus varieties
subtropical effect

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning shape to keep in bounds

Pests/Diseases aphids

Special Conditions

Origin: Mexico - Columbia Family: Malvaceae