

Botanical Name: Hibiscus rosa-sinensis

Common Name: Chinese hibiscus

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright rounded shrub with a fairly open branch structure;
becomes large and dense with age

Height 8-15' Spread 8-15' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun, partial shade inland

Soil prefers a rich, well-drained, well-fertilized soil

Hardiness some frost (zones 9, 12-16, 19-24); damaged below 30°

Morphology:

Leaves simple palmate/pinnate, alternate, lobed, ovate,
serrate/dentate, dark green, glossy surface, glabrous

Flowers large, bell-shaped flower, 3-5" diameter, terminal--spring,
fall and intermittent

Fruit 5-valved capsule (some varieties are sterile)

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings, grafting of varieties

Usage: screen, espalier, free standing shrub, small tree, large
accent, border, mass plantings, large container plant, large hedge; used for
frequent, heavy displays of large tropical flowers

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers frequent watering

Fertilizing balanced in early spring, again in summer

Pruning head back and thin out after frost danger past-DO NOT SHEAR

Pests/Diseases scale, mealybug, whitefly, giant whitefly, red spider mite

Special Conditions avoid pruning after Feb. for best blooming in So. Calif.

Origin: China Family: Malvaceae