

Botanical Name: Alyogyne huegelii

Common Name: Blue hibiscus

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, rather open and rangy unless pruned -- forms a
loose, rounded canopy

Height 4-8' (10') Spread 6-15' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers dry soils, tolerates most

Hardiness some frost (zones 15-17,20-24); best in warm locations

Morphology:

Leaves palmate, alternate, palmatifid, lobed, fuzzy, ruffled
margins toward apex, leaves 2-4" across on fuzzy, 1-2" petioles

Flowers spectacular display of blue/lavender flowers, 3-4" across,
mostly solitary, terminal -- spring, summer, intermittent

Fruit round capsule

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings

Usage: showy filler, informal mass plantings for flower display -
useful in dry area landscapes w/native species -- slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak -- avoid excessive watering

Fertilizing little required after established

Pruning occasionally head back to encourage denser growth

Pests/Diseases root rot in heavy soils

Special Conditions has proven to be short lived in irrigated areas

Origin: Australia Family: Malvaceae