

Botanical Name: Hibiscus syriacus

Common Name: Rose of Sharon, Shrub althea

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright and compact when young, becoming loose and open
with age, can become tree-like with pruning

Height 8-12' Spread 8-12' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a moist loam; tolerates poorer soil than H.rosa-sin.

Hardiness hardy (zones 2-24); thrives in cold climates

Morphology:

Leaves simple palmate, rhomboid to ovate shape 3-lobed-coarsely-
toothed; prominent vein pattern

Flowers single or double flowers to 3" across white, pink, purple
solitary on stem

Fruit small brown capsule -- 5 valved 1/2" across

Propagation: hardwood cuttings, grafting, seed

Usage: shrub borders, for late season color in mass plantings,
background plant; widely used in Eastern United States

Landscape Care:

Watering moderate watering, tolerates drought when established

Fertilizing balanced acid fertilizer in spring

Pruning head back previous season's growth to 2 buds in winter

Pests/Diseases giant whitefly, whitefly, aphid, foliar nematode

Special Conditions

Origin: East Asia Family: Malvaceae