

Abutilon x hybridum

(Flowering Maple)

Abutilon x hybridum is a name given to a group of evergreen hybrids with whorled, simple, maple-like leaves and showy, bell-shaped flowers in red, yellow, white and orange. It blooms during spring and early summer. "Flowering Maple" (common name) is a fast growing plant that can grow up to 1 m spread. It is ideal for use as a border plant, container and its flower can be edible. Furthermore, it is drought tolerant plant and it enjoys fairly rich moist but well-drained soil in full sun or semi-shaded location.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Boule de Neige

Pronunciation: a-BEW-tih-lon hy-BRID-um

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: South America/Brazil

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10

Uses: Specimen, Border Plant, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m

Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Whorled

Leaf Venation: Reticulate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Double Serrate

Leaf Textures: Hairy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green, Variegated

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow, Red, White, Pink

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Pests: Caterpillars, Scales, Whitefly, Mealy-Bug

Plant Propagations: Seed
