

Malvaviscus arboreus

(Turk's-cap, sleeping hibiscus)

Turk's-cap is a type of hibiscus which its flowers don't completely open, from where comes its second common name, sleeping hibiscus. It blooms year round showy red flowers, and sometimes it also produces a berry red fruit.

This hibiscus is drought tolerant, requires minimal watering, and do well in all types of soils, in sunny or partially shaded areas.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Hibiscus dormeur

Arabic Name: برنيطة التركي

Pronunciation: mal-vuh-VIS-kus ar-BOR-ee-us

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Mexico, Central America, South America, Brazil

Heat Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Windbreak, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Notes

Attracts birds, butterflies and bees.

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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: Entire, Lobate

Leaf Textures: Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Red

Seasons: Year Round

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Colors: Red

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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