

Alcea rosea

(Hollyhock)

Hollyhock is a herbaceous, short lived-perennial. In summer, it produces flowers of different colors; white, pink, red, yellow, purple. It grows in full sun, well drained soil, with medium moisture.

At the end of summer, when the flowers are dead, they are replaced by fruits containing about 15-20 seeds that will assure the production of new plants.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Mauve bisannuelle, Alc a bisannuelle

Arabic Name: ختمية

Pronunciation: al-KEE-uh RO-zee-uh

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Asia

Heat Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Border Plant, Mass Planting, Medicinal, Wildlife, Cut Flowers / Arrangements, Reclamation, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Upright

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years

Companion Plants: Acontia aprica, Agrobacterium tumefaciens

Notes

Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Palmate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Orbiculate

Leaf Margins: Crenate

Leaf Textures: Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow, Orange, Red, Purple, White, Pink

Seasons: Summer

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Diseases: Powdery Mildew, Leaf Spots, Rusts, Anthracnose

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Caterpillars, Beetles

Plant Propagations: Seed

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