

Hibiscus schizopetalus

(Japanese lantern)

Japanese lantern has glossy green leaves and produces very large, disc-shaped flowers. In the center of each bold bloom is a bottlebrush of yellow anthers and topped with five-parted, spider-like stigmas. The fruit is a brown capsule. Tropical hibiscus is heat tolerant and prefers full sun and mildly acid to neutral, well-drained soil. It blooms in new wood therefore early spring pruning could enhance blooming. The plant cannot take frost. In frost free zones it can be grown in mixed borders or along foundations. It has high water requirement therefore not recommended for dry zones.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Lanterne Japonaise ou Hibiscus corail

Hibiscus yabani **:Arabic Name**

Pronunciation: hi-BIS-kus skiz-oh-PET-al-us

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round, oval

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Obovate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Smooth

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 Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Red

Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Diseases: Leaf Spots, Root rot

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Thrips, Caterpillars, Whitefly, Aphids, Mealy-Bug

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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