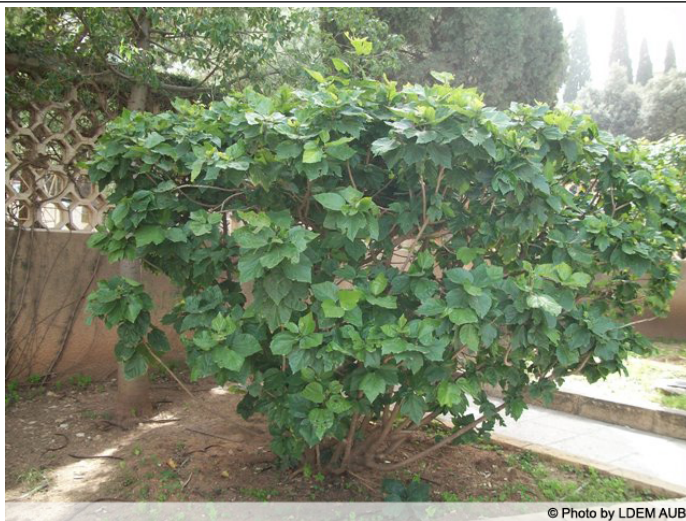


## Hibiscus rosa-sinensis

### (Tropical Hibiscus, Chinese Hibiscus)

Hibiscus is a very popular shrub in our region with a glossy dark green leaves and vibrantly colored showy flowers, produced throughout the year making up for the fact that each flower will last only one or two days. Cultivars are available with single or double flowers in shades of white, pink, red, yellow, peach, or orange, or combinations of these. Growing best in full sun to dappled shade, Hibiscus appreciates abundant watering and fertilization when newly planted, but requires little care once established. They can be trained into hedges, but better to train into a less formal hedge with a hand pruner. Since plants flower on new growth, pinching the tips of developing branches in spring and mid-summer will increase flower production. Hibiscus is occasionally trained into a small tree with multiple trunks and will grow to about 2.5 m tall. Although usually strong and easy to grow, Hibiscus can be bothered by aphids which accumulate at the tips of stems, causing new growth to be misshapen. Aphids may cover the leaves with sticky honeydew.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Hibiscus rosa-sinensis

**Pronunciation:** hye-BISS-kus roe-zuh-sye-NEN-sis

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** China, Japan

**Heat Zones:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

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

**Uses:** Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Mass Planting, Container, Wildlife

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Vase

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 3 to 5 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

## Botanical Description

### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Palmate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Serrate

**Leaf Textures:** Leathery, Glossy, Coarse

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

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

**Seasons:** Year Round

### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Can be trained to one trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Capsule

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Year Round

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**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:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Mites, Aphids

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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