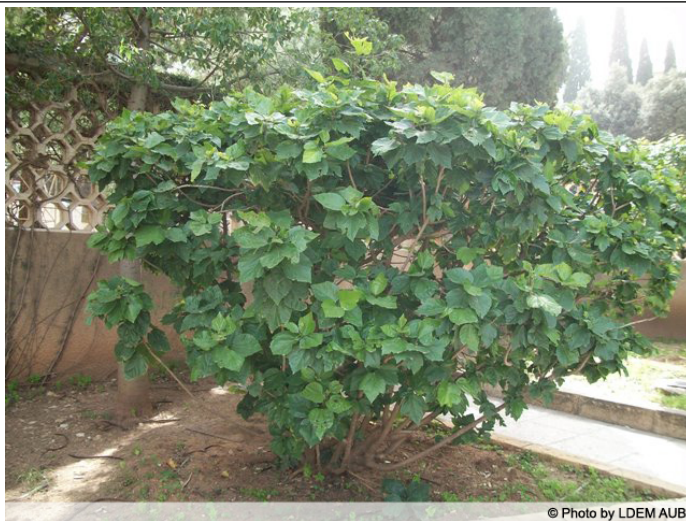


Hibiscus rosa-sinensis

(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

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Part

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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