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Sleepy Hibiscus



Sleepy Hibiscus *Hibiscus furcellatus*

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Salad Hibiscus, Linden Leaf Rosemallow

Description:

This bold garden perennial features elegant, showy, bright pink-violet flowers from fall into winter; tolerates wet soil so it is ideal for pond side planting; prune regularly or will become leggy; do not allow to dry to wilting point

Ornamental Features

Sleepy Hibiscus features bold pink round flowers with violet overtones along the stems from mid fall to mid winter. Its serrated lobed palmate leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Sleepy Hibiscus is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Self-Seeding

Sleepy Hibiscus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Water Gardens
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens



Sleepy Hibiscus flowers
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Planting & Growing

Sleepy Hibiscus will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.

Sleepy Hibiscus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.