



## White Swamp Hibiscus

*Hibiscus coccineus 'Albus'*

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Texas Star Hibiscus, Rose Mallow

### Description:

This bold garden perennial features elegant, showy white flowers with hemp-like leaves; tolerates wet soil so it is ideal for pond side planting; do not allow to dry to wilting point

### Ornamental Features

White Swamp Hibiscus features bold white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall. Its small serrated lobed palmate leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

### Landscape Attributes

White Swamp Hibiscus is an herbaceous perennial 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

White Swamp Hibiscus is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*White Swamp Hibiscus flowers*  
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Water Gardens
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens

### **Planting & Growing**

White Swamp Hibiscus will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

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. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

White Swamp 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.