



**Summer Spice® Plum Brandy™ Hibiscus**  
*Hibiscus '171845-2WDL'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Rose Mallow, Hardy Hibiscus

Group/Class: Summer Spice Series

**Description:**

This bold garden perennial features showy ruffled, large violet-pink flowers with hot pink veins and crimson eyes; glossy, dark green leaves with deep purple variegation; ideal for the mixed garden border or in mass; do not allow to dry to wilting point

**Ornamental Features**

Summer Spice Plum Brandy Hibiscus features bold pink round flowers with violet overtones, crimson eyes and hot pink veins at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall. Its attractive large serrated pointy leaves remain dark green in color with showy deep purple variegation throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Summer Spice Plum Brandy Hibiscus is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

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

Summer Spice Plum Brandy Hibiscus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



*Summer Spice Plum Brandy Hibiscus flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### **Planting & Growing**

Summer Spice Plum Brandy Hibiscus will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 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 requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.