Rose of Sharon, Blue Chiffon

Hibiscus syriacus 'Notwoodthree'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Shrub Althea

Group/Class: Chiffon Series

Description:

Amazing large semi-double blooms are light blue with soft violet lacy centers; a tall, stiffly upright shrub with vase shape habit; extremely showy flowers in late summer; very adaptable plant, but prefers full sun; can be trained into a small tree

Ornamental Features

Rose of Sharon, Blue Chiffon features bold semi-double blue trumpet-shaped flowers with violet throats along the branches from mid summer to early fall. It has green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Rose of Sharon, Blue Chiffon is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Rose of Sharon, Blue Chiffon flowers
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Rose of Sharon, Blue Chiffon in bloom
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Rose of Sharon, Blue Chiffon is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Rose of Sharon, Blue Chiffon will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (3): The Chiffon series have been bred to be nearly sterile, producing few to no viable seeds. If any seeds are produced the pods 1 to 1 1/2 inch papery, tan capsules that open 5 lobes with small fuzzy seeds inside. To avoid the seeds reseeding you can dead head the spent blooms in autumn. Clean up by blow or rake debris onto the lawn and mow or bag.